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March 1, 2017

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Governor
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Raimondo:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2016 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my first since being named Superintendent in November.

The Patrol Bureau continues its mission of enforcing the state's motor vehicle laws, including driving while impaired, speeding, aggressive and distracted driving, and the "move over" law. Troopers work with our federal, state, and local partners on enforcement, outreach, and education in an effort to improve safety on our roadways. The Detective Bureau is consistently called upon for its expertise. Detectives have had great success with drug-related investigations, child predator investigations, financial crimes, and computer crimes. The Gaming Enforcement Unit will be expanding its operations as a result of a new casino being built in Tiverton. The Special Investigations Unit and the Fusion Center provide expertise to detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.

The Community Outreach Program continues to make positive impacts. Programs includes outreach, education, recruiting, and sports. "Kids, Cops, & Classrooms" and "Kids, Cops, & Christmas" are statewide initiatives to provide school supplies and holiday gifts to area children. We are developing and refining best practices to prepare for our next recruitment drive, and through our community outreach programs we are able to spread the word that the Rhode Island State Police is seeking hard working men and women from all backgrounds to become Rhode Island State Troopers.

The Rhode Island State Police will be hosting the Association of State Criminal Investigators Association conference, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies conference, and the New England State Police Women's Leadership Conference. The Division will also be coordinating security for the National Governors' Association conference as well as other large events during the summer. On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support and look forward to working with you to provide the best in law enforcement services for our state.

Sincerely,

Ann C. Assumpico
Colonel
Superintendent



RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

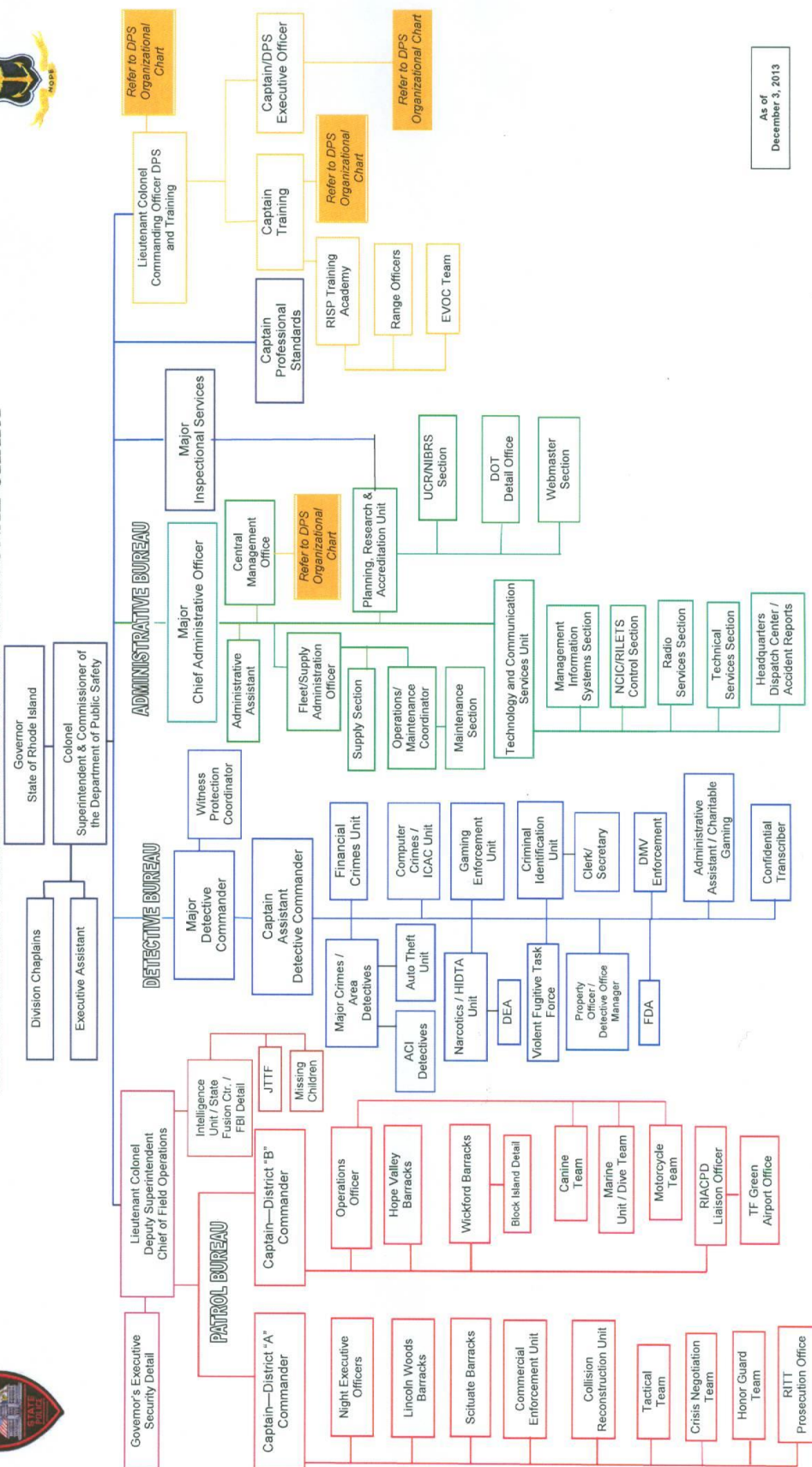


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Rhode Island State Police is a full service, statewide law enforcement agency whose mission is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism, integrity, and protect the inherent rights of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety. To this end, Division employees shall perform their respective patrol, investigative and support functions to the best of their ability, and cooperate with other State agencies, as well as with local and Federal authorities.

DIVISION CREED

*"You are always to remember that you are
in the Rhode Island State Police and
In the Service of the State.
It is a call of honor. It requires unselfish
devotion to duty, the highest
type of honesty and downright courage."*

SUPERINTENDENT

COLONEL ANN C. ASSUMPICO

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Ms. Barbara J. Laird

Colonel Ann C. Assumpico is the thirteenth Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, and Director of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. She was sworn in by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on November 3, 2016. Colonel Assumpico holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University and a Master of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University.

Colonel Assumpico served as a Rhode Island Correctional Officer for eight years and a Coventry Police Officer for seven years. She is a member of the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy Class of 1992. She served in the Patrol Bureau for fifteen years at all barracks locations. She then served nine years in the Planning, Research, and Accreditation Unit, and became the unit's Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge as a Sergeant, and the Unit's Officer-in-Charge as a Lieutenant. Colonel Assumpico was promoted to Captain in 2015 and served as the Director of Training for the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy and the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy until Governor Raimondo appointed her as Colonel/Superintendent.

The Patrol Bureau carries out the Division's highway safety mission through education, outreach, and enforcement. Troopers are committed to eliminating drunk and impaired driving, distracted driving, enforcement of the "move over" law, and seatbelt and child restraint violations.

The Detective Bureau continues its mission of providing investigative services and responds to ever-increasing requests for its expertise in financial crimes, child exploitation, computer crimes, narcotics, forensic services, apprehending violent felons, and gaming enforcement.

The Administrative Bureau oversees the Training Academy, Planning, Research & Accreditation, Fleet, Technology, Management Information Systems, NCIC/RILETS, Technology & Communications, Maintenance, and Supply. These units are critical to State Police operations.

The role of law enforcement is ever changing, and the Rhode Island State Police continues to adapt to meet these needs. The Division is committed to ensuring that Troopers have the best training and equipment possible. The safety of our Troopers and the public is paramount. It is also a priority of this administration to recruit, train, and retain a diverse workforce that reflects the citizens we serve. The Rhode Island State Police has a strategy to accomplish this by utilizing best practices.

Members of the Class of 1992 retire in March 2017, and we thank them for their outstanding service to the Rhode Island State Police and wish them all the best in their retirement. Renovations to Division's facilities has been ongoing, and several construction projects have been completed, including the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Scituate Barracks, Intelligence Building, and a new six-bay specialty vehicle garage.

The Rhode Island State Police has been providing outstanding law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors of this state for the past ninety-two years. Troopers embrace the Division's Core Values of: Honor, Honesty, Courage, Fairness, Integrity, Excellence, and Devotion to Duty. The outstanding reputation of the Rhode Island State Police is a result of the dedication to duty by every member from 1925 to the present. I am proud of the work that our members do, and I am honored to serve as Superintendent of this outstanding organization.

***DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT/
CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS/COMMANDING
OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEVIN M. BARRY***

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin M. Barry, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, is the Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Field Operations, Commanding Officer of the Department of Public Safety, and second in command of the Rhode Island State Police. Lieutenant Colonel Barry holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Worcester State University and is graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Prior to being promoted to Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Barry served as the Commanding Officer of the Department of Public Safety, which oversees the Rhode Island Sheriffs, Capitol Police, Division of Fire Marshal, Public Safety Grants Administrative Office, Rhode Island 911 and the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy and Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy. Lieutenant Colonel Barry served in all of the State Police Patrol Barracks and in the Detective Bureau for ten (10) years in various capacities, including the HIDTA Task Force, Intelligence Unit and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Lieutenant Colonel Barry was assigned as a prosecution officer, night executive officer, commandant of the 2013 Rhode Island State Police Training Academy and in 214, acting colonel of the Cranston Police Department for a 10-month period. Lieutenant Colonel Barry was the acting colonel of the Rhode Island State Police in 2016 for a 2-month period.

As Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Barry is directly responsible for the Patrol Bureau and the Governor's Security Detail. Additionally, he has supervisory responsibility for the specialized units within these branches, to include: The Commercial Enforcement Unit, Rhode Island Airport Corporation Police Liaison Officer, the Division's T.F. Green Airport Office, Marine Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Canine Team, Tactical Team, Honor Guard Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Motorcycle Team. The Deputy Superintendent is continuously involved in the day-to-day operations of the Division of State Police.

The Deputy Superintendent is the conduit for requests from local, state, and federal agencies seeking the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police. He regularly represents the Division at the State House and with the State Legislature on numerous Rhode Island State Police initiatives. The Deputy Superintendent reports directly to the Superintendent, and along with the Superintendent, works to ensure efficient operation and establish goals, direction, and priorities for the Division of State Police.

The Superintendent has designated the Deputy Superintendent as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the State Police and, as such, he is responsible for disseminating information to the public through printed and electronic media. Among the responsibilities of the PIO is the coordination of public speaking appearances and demonstrations by Division members throughout the State and Northeast. He periodically meets with representatives from various media outlets to ensure an open line of communication.

Finally, the Deputy Superintendent is the Coordinator for the Rhode Island AMBER and Silver Alert Plans and is responsible for establishing the protocol for investigating child abduction Investigations. The Rhode Island AMBER and Silver Alert Plans provide a rapid response to the most serious child abduction and missing elderly person cases respectively. When alerts are activated, the Rhode Island State Police can immediately gain the assistance of local broadcasters to send an emergency alert to the public with the hopes of a quick and safe recovery of an abducted child or location of a missing elderly person.

CHIEF INVESTIGATIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH F. PHILBIN

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F. Philbin, is the Chief Investigative/Administrative Officer of the Rhode Island State Police. He is a twenty-two (22) year veteran; responsible for managing the Investigative and Administrative functions of the Division. As the Chief Investigative/Administrative Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Philbin is responsible for the Detective Bureau, Cyber Crimes and Fusion Center, the office of the Executive Administrative Officer and the Inspectional Services office. Lieutenant Colonel Philbin is also directly responsible for the Intelligence Unit and the FBI detail.

Prior to November of 2016 the Detective Commander answered directly to the Superintendent. In November of 2016, newly appointed Colonel Ann C. Assumpico placed the Detective Bureau and the Administrative Offices of the Division of State Police under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Philbin. Lieutenant Colonel Philbin also acts as the conduit for requests from local, state, and federal agencies requesting Investigative assistance from the State Police.

Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Philbin is the liaison for the Command Staff in matters regarding the Rhode Island Troopers Association and its' members. Monthly meetings are held with the Troopers Association and its' elected officers. Lieutenant Colonel Philbin also regularly represents the Division at the State House with the State Legislature on numerous Rhode Island State Police initiatives.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

CAPTAIN KENNETH S. BUONAIUTO

The Professional Standards Unit is under the command of Captain Kenneth S. Buonaiuto a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. His previous assignments include having served at all of the Division's barracks. He was transferred into the Division's Detective Bureau in 2010, where he served in the Financial Crimes Unit and the Officer-in-Charge of the Major Crimes Unit. He also served as the Officer-In-Charge of the Division Combatives/Use of Force Instructor Team. Prior to joining the Rhode Island State Police, Captain Buonaiuto served three (3) years with the West Warwick Police Department. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice and a Master of Science in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University.

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly, and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of three determined classifications: founded, unfounded, or unsubstantiated. Founded complaints result in disciplinary sanctions or corrective actions in compliance with General Order-3C, titled, "Internal Investigation Procedure/Policy."

The Professional Standards Unit investigated a total of twenty-seven (27) complaints between January and December of 2016. Thirteen (13) cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated, twelve (12) cases were determined to be founded and required corrective action or disciplinary sanctions. There are zero (0) cases pending. Two (2) complaints involved members of other agencies and were turned over to Professional Standards representative of those agencies.

In 2016, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public on over one hundred twenty-nine thousand nine hundred ten (129,910) occasions through documented motor vehicle stops, traffic collision investigations, incidents, arrests, and investigations, yet the Professional Standards Unit only received nineteen (27) complaints against personnel from both external and internal sources.

Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2016:

<i>Type of Complaint</i>	<i># of Complaints</i>	<i>Unfounded-Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Founded w/Discipline</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)	13	9	4	0	0
Job Performance (Sworn)	8	1	7	0	0
Racial Profiling (Sworn)	3	3	0	0	0
Job Performance (Civilian)	1	0	1	0	0
Received complaint regarding other agency personnel/Turned over to appropriate agency	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL:	27	13	12	0	2

Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2016:

<i>Force Type</i>	<i>Proper Use-Justified</i>	<i>Unjustified/Discipline</i>	<i>Total</i>
Physical Force	18	0	18
Physical Force w/Cap Stun	1	0	1
Physical Force/Taser	1	0	1
Taser	2	0	2
Taser w/K9	1	0	1
K9	1	0	1
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance	5	0	5
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	7	0	0
TOTAL	36	0	36

Note: It is worth noting that Division members effected approximately 4,962 arrests in 2016 and only twenty-nine (29) incidents of use of force resulted, which is equivalent to .58% of all arrests.

Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2015:

TYPE	Proper Use-Justified	Discipline	Total
Physical Force	18	0	18
Physical Force w/ Cap-Stun	0	0	0
Physical w/ Taser	8	0	8
Use of Taser	4	0	4
Use of Taser w/K9	1	0	1
Use of Canine	1	0	1
Lethal Physical Force	0	0	0
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance (No discharge)	3	0	3
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	4	0	4
TOTALS	39	0	39

Comparison to Previous Years*:

TYPE	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Physical Force	18	18	19	39	44	17	17
Physical Force w/ Cap-Stun	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Physical Force w/Baton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical w/ Taser	1	8	10	4	2	5	1
Use of Taser	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Taser w/K9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Canine	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Lethal Physical Force	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance (No discharge)	5	3	5	3	0	0	0
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	7	4	8	9	8	6	7
TOTALS	36	39	43	57	56	29	31

DISTRICT COMMANDERS

CAPTAIN JOHN M. ALLEN

CAPTAIN MATTHEW C. MOYNIHAN

The District Commander's office is staffed with two (2) Division members holding the rank of Captain: Captain John M. Allen and Captain Matthew C. Moynihan. Captain Allen, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division, serves as the District "A" Commander. Captain Allen has served at all barracks locations as a member of the Uniform Bureau. His previous assignments include Patrol Commander at the Wickford Barracks, Night Executive Officer, Assistant Patrol Commander at the Lincoln Woods Barracks, and the Prosecution Officer at the Lincoln Woods Barracks. He was an officer in the Rhode Island Troopers Association for eight years which concluded in 2010 after serving as President of the Association. Captain Moynihan is a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and serves as the District "B" Commander. Captain Moynihan previously served at all barracks as a member of the Uniform Bureau. He served as a member of the Division's Canine Unit, while assigned a Patrol Narcotics Detection K-9. He was transferred to the Detective Bureau in 2005, where he served in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA), Intelligence Unit, the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the FBI's Organized Crime Task Force, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 287(g) Enforcement Initiative. He has served as the Officer-in-Charge of the Major Crimes Unit, the Assistant Detective Commander, the acting Deputy Superintendent/ Chief of Field Operations. Captain Moynihan previously served within the Rhode Island Troopers Association as a past Secretary, Treasure and Vice President. He is currently the President of the Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation and prior to joining the Rhode Island State Police, Captain Moynihan served with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a Federal Immigration Agent. He is a graduate of the 260th Session of the FBI National Academy and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University.

Captain Allen is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Scituate Barracks, Night Executive Officers, the Commercial Enforcement Unit, the Collision Reconstruction Unit, the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal Prosecution Office, the Canine Unit, the Governor's Security Detail, the Drug Recognition Expert Team, and the Honor Guard Unit.

Captain Moynihan is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Hope Valley Barracks, Wickford Barracks, the Tactical Team, the Public Order Platoon, the Crisis Negotiation Team, Operations Officer, Block Island Detail, T.F. Green Airport Office, Marine/Dive Unit, and Motorcycle Unit.

The District Commanders have the overall responsibility of ensuring that all barracks are operating in a uniform manner to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Division. The District Commanders respond to all major incidents being investigated by uniformed patrols. Included in their responsibilities is the allocation of personnel around the State. Due to the dynamics and the varied daily responsibilities of the organization, assigning Troopers around the State is a very time consuming responsibility.

The District Commanders work with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the Division's efforts in the war against terrorism. All special security details and assignments fall under the responsibility of the District Commanders.

NIGHT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

LIEUTENANT STEPHEN B. FLOOD

LIEUTENANT JOHN W. GIBBS

LIEUTENANT JOHN P. CHARBONNEAU

ACTING LIEUTENANT ALFRED RUGGIERO JR.

The Night Executive Officers are tasked with commanding all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night. There are four (4) Lieutenants assigned to this position, with two (2) working each night. During a night shift, one (1) Lieutenant supervises operations within the Southern Barracks patrol area, while the other controls operations within the Northern Barracks patrol area. During 2016, Lieutenant Stephen B. Flood, a twenty-four (24) year veteran, Lieutenant John W. Gibbs, a twenty-two (22) year veteran, Lieutenant John P. Charbonneau, a twenty-two (22) year veteran, and Acting Lieutenant Alfred Ruggiero Jr., a twenty-two (22) year veteran shared this assignment.

The Night Executive Officers report directly to the District Commanders. Their responsibilities include the inspection and management of Troopers, while simultaneously coordinating all field activities by directing investigations and responding to all significant incidents. Additionally, these responsibilities include assisting local city or town police departments when the need arises.

OPERATIONS OFFICER

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL D. CASEY

Lieutenant Michael D. Casey is a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and serves as the Operations Officer. Lieutenant Casey is responsible for certifying the operational readiness and preparedness of the Division's Special Services, which includes the following units: Canine Unit, Marine Unit, Dive Team Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard Unit, Tactical Team, RIWMD Tactical Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit. The Operations Officer is also responsible for statewide activations of AMBER Alerts, Silver Alert, and Task Force II, which is responsible for coordinating and deploying search teams and resources for missing persons. The Operations Officer also serves on several committees, such as the Rhode Island Incident Management Task Force, Medical Emergency Distribution System Working Group, Hurricane Evacuation Working Group, Providence Emergency Advisory Council, Weapons of Mass Destruction Working Group, Sector Southeastern New England Port Safety and Security Forum, Preventive Radiological & Nuclear Detection Group, Operation Atomic Thunder, Emergency Management Advisory Council, and Rhode Island Task Force 2. Moreover, the Operations Officer serves as a liaison to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and maintains an office at the RIEMA Headquarters in Cranston.

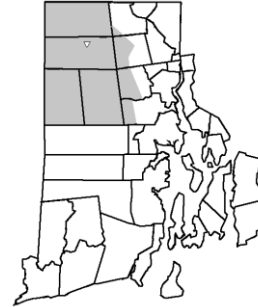
During the past year, the Operations Office coordinated the Division's response to such events as: The Pell Bridge Run, Rhode Island National Guard Air Show, NCAA Basketball Tournament, several full scale and table top exercises dealing with homeland security and emergency preparedness operations, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, State of the State Address, The Big "E" Eastern States Exposition, several parades to include the Bristol Independence Day Celebration and other ceremonies that involve the Division Honor Guard Unit. In addition, the operations Officer oversees and creates Operational Plans for numerous dignitary security protection details that included visits to Rhode Island by the Clinton Family, Vice President Joseph Biden, Donald Trump, Governor Mike Pence and Governor Bernie Sanders.

SCITUATE BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL J. ROSA

PATROL AREA:

*Burrillville, Coventry, Cranston,
Cumberland, Foster,
Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln,
Providence, Scituate,
Smithfield, Warwick*



The Scituate Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Michael J. Rosa, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Scituate Barracks personnel structure consists of one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals and twenty (20) Troopers. The Troopers have a Substation at the Blackstone Valley Welcome Center on Route 295 North in the Town of Lincoln and at State Police Headquarters located at 311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island. The prosecution office is also located at State Police Headquarters serving Troopers assigned to the Scituate Barracks.

The Scituate Barracks encompasses over three hundred and seven (307) square miles. The Blackstone Valley Substation gives Troopers easy access to State highways and secondary roads in the area. The Scituate Troopers also have patrol responsibilities from the Connecticut and Massachusetts State line, in the northwest portion of the State, to the Route 6 Providence metro area. Members of the barracks are also responsible for providing police services to twelve (12) cities and towns.

Patrol activities range from traffic patrol and enforcement, crash investigations, and various criminal investigations, to include everything from armed robbery to embezzlement. Troopers made seven hundred and forty-two (742) arrests in 2016 with sixty-three (63) resulting in the apprehension of drunk drivers. Additionally, Troopers investigated six hundred and twenty-six (626) incidents and complaints and handled eight hundred and fifty (850) motor vehicle accidents. Through concentrated traffic enforcement efforts, Troopers issued eight thousand one hundred and fifty-four (8,154) traffic citations with one thousand twelve hundred and ninety-four (1,294) of which were seat belt violations.

In addition to patrol duties, members of the Scituate Barracks are assigned to various specialty units that support the Division of State Police. These responsibilities include assignment to the Governors Security Detail, Tactical Team, Hostage-Crisis Negotiation Unit, Honor Guard, Firearms Instruction, Marine Unit and the Canine Unit. Members of the Scituate Barracks are also responsible for dispatch and front office duties at the Rhode Island State Police Headquarters Complex.

Interesting Investigation

In December 2016, members of the Scituate Barracks responded to a serious motor vehicle collision on Hartford Avenue at Bishop Hill Road in the Town of Johnston. The multi-car crash

caused one fuel pump at the Sunoco gas station to explode, destroying nearby cars and burning the station's roof. Two teenaged passengers in an Audi sedan died in the crash.

Fire retardant covered the scene, making the investigation more challenging. The Collision Reconstruction Unit and the Detective Bureau conducted an exhaustive investigation. They determined that the Audi and a pickup truck not at the scene were racing immediately prior to the crash.

Both drivers were charged with two counts of Driving to Endanger - Death Resulting and one count of Drag Racing.

Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Michael J. Rosa

Sergeants: Jeffrey P. L'Heureux, Edward L. Viera

Corporals: Peter J. Cambio, Kevin M. Grace, Jeffrey C. Coleman

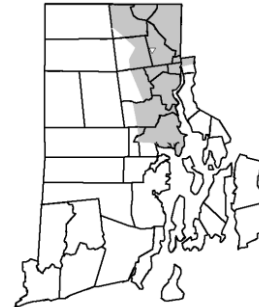
Troopers: Michael J. Capone, David M. Trainor, Kyle A. Draper, Lisa M. Hanley, Roupen Bastajian, Marcin D. Ferenc, Erik R. Jenson, Nicholas J. Martin, Jason J. Muccino, David G. Wilson Jr., Jeremy J. Gaucher, Charles A. Chadsey, Lindsay A. Laurie, Stephen W. Gaffney, Juan M. Coronado, Kathryn M. Hirsch, Thomas D. Bruso, Nicholas P. Ryan, Dean R. Marr, Michael A. Colasante

LINCOLN WOODS BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT DEREK W. BOREK

PATROL AREA:

Central Falls, Cranston,
Cumberland, East Providence,
Lincoln, North Providence,
North Smithfield, Pawtucket,
Providence, Smithfield,
Warwick, Woonsocket



The Lincoln Woods Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Derek W. Borek, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Lincoln Woods Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisquissett Pike in the Town of Lincoln. One (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, thirty-two (32) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance person are staffed at the barracks. Several members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks are also involved with the Division's Specialty Units that include: Tactical Team Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Technical Accident Reconstruction Unit, Marine Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Search and Rescue (SAR), and the Canine (K-9) Unit. There are also a few members who are still attached to the military and are at times activated.

The Lincoln Woods Barracks utilizes thirty-seven (37) marked uniform patrol vehicles and two (2) low-profile vehicles to patrol an area that encompasses approximately two hundred and six (206) square miles. This area of responsibility is fifty percent (50%) urban, twenty-five percent (25%) metropolitan, and twenty-five percent (25%) rural which includes Rhode Island's three major highways.

The Lincoln Woods Barracks, situated in and around the Providence/Metropolitan area, is responsible for a variety of calls for service. Interstates 95, 195 and Route's 146 and 10 are responsible for the majority of these calls. The barracks is also responsible for patrolling and providing police service to all state facilities to include: The State Capitol, the Department of Administration, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Traffic Tribunal, the Institute of Mental Health, the General Hospital, the Adult Correctional and Juvenile Facilities in Cranston, and all Providence County Court facilities. The Lincoln Woods Barracks also assists the twelve (12) local police agencies on various investigations in their area.

Over the past year, Troopers at the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated one thousand one hundred and seventy-six (1,176) incidents and made one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five (1,965) arrests. Of these arrests, two hundred (200) were for Driving under the Influence (DUI) of Intoxicating Liquor and/or Drug violations. With responsibility of the Providence/Metropolitan area, traffic problems are a significant strain on resources. As such, the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated four thousand one hundred and fifty-four (4,154) motor vehicle accidents last year. Furthermore, the Lincoln Woods Barracks' commitment to traffic safety issued twelve thousand six hundred and twenty-five (12,625) traffic citations for motor vehicle code violations.

In a continuing effort to reduce fatal accidents in our patrol area, the patrol members were also responsible for conducting traffic enforcement details in previously identified fatal crash locations along our highways. This initiative resulted in the issuance of over nine-hundred (900) citations.

Interesting Investigation

On Saturday, April 30, 2016 at approximately 11:50 PM, a Trooper was traveling on Route 95 south in the City of Providence. The Trooper clearly observed that the front seat passenger was not wearing his seatbelt. The Trooper activated the overhead emergency lights/siren of a marked Rhode Island State Police Cruiser and began to initiate a motor vehicle stop. The Trooper observed the rear passenger move from the rear passenger seat to the rear middle seat in the passenger's compartment of the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle entered the breakdown at the base of the ramp to Branch Avenue and continued to travel for approximately fifty (50) yards before coming to stop with its driver side tires in the first lane of travel.

The Trooper approached the suspect vehicle on the passenger side and made contact with the occupants. The Trooper informed the operator for the reason of the motor vehicle stop and requested his license and registration. The operator then stated, "Yeah but I didn't do anything wrong...They didn't have their seatbelts on but I had mine on." The Troopers acknowledged that the operator was correct and advised him that the Trooper was not accusing him of not having his seatbelt on. While speaking with the operator the Trooper noted that he appeared to be extremely nervous. The Trooper observed the operator to be firmly clinching the steering wheel with both hands and his arms were shaking uncontrollably. The operator then began to retrieve his driver license and registration. While doing so, the Trooper began to smell the odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the suspect vehicle. Furthermore, the Trooper observed a black ash tray in the center console cup holder of the suspect vehicle. The Trooper illuminated the ash tray with a flashlight and observed a small brown marijuana roach resting on top of the ash tray. During this time, the Trooper also noted that the front seat passenger had both of his hands concealed under a black leather coat draped across his lap. The Trooper asked the front seat passenger to take his hands out from underneath the coat for the Trooper's safety, to which he complied.

The operator and passengers then provided the Trooper with identification. The Trooper positively identified the operator and passengers. The Trooper asked the occupants if there was anything illegal inside the vehicle or on their persons that he needed to know about. The front seat passenger replied, "Nah, we were smoking earlier, but we ain't got nothing." The Trooper asked the front seat passenger what he was smoking and he replied, "Bud bro." During this conversation, the Trooper noted that the operator was still firmly holding the steering wheel and was staring straight ahead.

After reviewing the three occupant's criminal histories and learning the numerous violent felonies they were charged with, the Trooper requested additional Troopers to respond to his location to assist with the motor vehicle stop. Troopers then conducted a search of the suspect vehicle. During the search, several small bags of marijuana and cocaine were located in the vehicle. The Trooper picked up and began to move the black and gray North Face coat that the rear seat passenger had on his lap. The Trooper unzipped the bottom right hand pocket on the coat and observed there to be two pistols inside the pocket, one black and one black and tan. Both pistols were fully loaded. All the suspects were placed into custody and read their constitutional rights. The suspects were transported to State Police Headquarters.

All three subjects were charged with two counts of License or Permit Required for Carry Pistol; Possession of Arms by a Person Convicted of a Crime of Violence; Carrying Dangerous Weapon or Substances when Committing a Crime of Violence; Possession with Intent to Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance; Controlled Substance Conspiracy, Conspiracy.

Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: *Derek W. Borek*

Sergeants: *Jason E. Lawton, Steve N. Vanner*

Corporals: *Peter A. Filuminia, Douglas S. Watters, Nuno M. Vasconcelos*

Troopers: *Kristopher Lagor, Franklin T. Navarro, Kyle A. Draper
Sean M. Crowley, John R. Brown, Louis J. Fiorenzano, James E. Gaffney, Donald
Pope, Theodore M. Gibbons, Jared J. Andrews, Robert J. Twitchell Jr., Michael C.
O'Neill, Michael Bowen, Benjamin R. Sternberg, Michael A. Kane, Joseph W. Pronk,
Dimitrius J. Palmer, Brendan P. Degnan, Michael P. Goduto, James J. Hudson,
Timothy M. Jamieson, Kristen M. Carr, Robert M. Bentsen, Robert T. Fox, Jake A.
Hesford, Colby A. Clarke, Corey A. Hopkins, Jeffrey S. Konieczny, Andrew B. Pilling,
Antonio J. Miquel Jr., Michael J. Farias, Matthew A. House*

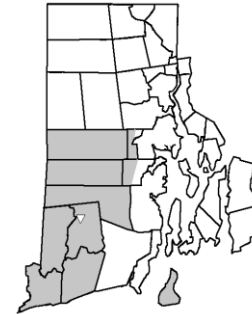
Civilian: *Mr. Thomas L. Nichols*

HOPE VALLEY BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT JAMES M. PARDINGTON, JR

PATROL AREA:

Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter,
Hopkinton, Richmond, Westerly,
West Greenwich



The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant James M. Pardington, Jr, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The barracks is located at 54 Nooseneck Hill Road in the Town of Richmond and is presently staffed by one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, twenty-seven (27) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance person. In 2016, sworn personnel from the Hope Valley Barracks simultaneously served on the following specialized units: Tactical Team, Honor Guard, Dive Team, and the Canine (K-9) Unit.

The Hope Valley Barracks utilizes thirty (30) marked uniform patrol vehicles and three (3) low profile vehicles to patrol an area that encompasses approximately two-hundred and fifty (250) square miles. Troopers from the barracks handle a wide variety of investigations and calls for service, as the patrol is situated in one of the State's most rural areas. Troopers are responsible for patrolling major roadways, such as Route 95, Route 3, Route 102, Route 165, Route 138 and Route 1, along with all secondary highways and rural side roads.

The Town of Exeter is patrolled by (1) Corporal who is assigned to the Exeter Barracks. He is also assisted by Troopers from both the Hope Valley and Wickford Barracks.

Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks are committed to traffic safety and conducting thorough criminal investigations. The patrol Troopers investigated three hundred and twelve (312) motor vehicle accidents. Troopers throughout the year maintained strict traffic enforcement. Troopers issued six thousand seven hundred and twenty-one (6,721) citations in 2016. Troopers also arrested five hundred and two (502) individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including ninety-nine (99) Driving While Under the Influence (DUI) arrests. In addition, the patrols also investigated five hundred and ninety-six (596) incidents.

Interesting Investigation

On Saturday, May 28, 2016, at 4:15 PM, A Trooper from the Hope Valley Barracks was on patrol and monitored a radio transmission from West Greenwich Police Department dispatching their officers to the Alton Jones Camp area for a reported assault. The West Greenwich Dispatch further advised the suspect was a heavy set white male.

While en route, a Trooper monitored another radio transmission from the first West Greenwich officer on scene. The officer was requesting additional assistance at his location, which was in a close-proximity to the Alton Jones Campus. Two Troopers were responding to assist with their K-9s. While both Troopers were en route, they both monitored a radio transmission from a second West Greenwich officer that had arrived on scene, he advised his dispatch center that his Taser had been deployed and requested responding officers to "step it up".

Upon arrival, the first Trooper on scene observed a West Greenwich patrol vehicle parked on the dirt driveway of a residence. It was observed that directly in front of the cruiser were two West Greenwich officers attempting to take a suspect into custody. The suspect was completely nude and appeared to be approximately three hundred and fifty (350) lbs. in weight and covered in blood and dirt. It was later learned that the suspect had just murdered the owner of the residence. The first Trooper on scene immediately observed the West Greenwich officers giving the suspect multiple verbal commands to stop resisting and directed him to get on the ground. The suspect ignored all commands and was physically combative. It was observed that West Greenwich officers had deployed Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray onto the face and chest of the suspect which was ineffective. The suspect responded by acting out of control as he was cursing and screaming incoherent statements to the officers.

The first Trooper on scene retrieved his K-9 from his cruiser, approached the suspect and instructed him to comply or he will be tased. Consequently, the Trooper deployed his Taser after giving the suspect proper warning. The Taser was deployed into the suspect's abdomen for one full cycle of five seconds. It was observed that the suspect was completely unaffected by the Taser. At that point, the Trooper deployed his K-9. The K-9 made several significant target bites on the suspect, but the suspect showed no signs of being effected and continued fighting. The second Trooper then arrived on scene to assist. The Troopers and West Greenwich officers, after a continued struggle, were able to get the suspect into a prone position face down. The suspect continued to ignore the officer's verbal commands and continued resisting the officers while they were attempting to handcuff and place restraints around his ankles. After several additional attempts to gain control of the suspect, he was handcuffed and his ankles were secured. After the suspect was finally subdued, he was subsequently transported to Rhode Island Hospital by West Greenwich Rescue. After being treated at the hospital, the suspect was transported to State Police Headquarters where he was interviewed by detectives and criminally charged as follows: 2nd Degree Murder, Assault on persons over 60 years of Age-Serious Bodily Injury, Assault of a Police Officer (3 counts), Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: James M. Pardington, Jr

Sergeants: Thomas E. Jaques, David T. Bassignani

Corporals: Ronald J. Longolucco, Erik P. Yanyar, David M. Gormly

Troopers: Daniel W. Gazzola, Michael A. Ferruccio, Brendan D. Palmer, Justin B. Andreozzi, Garrett S. Hassett, James A. D'Angelo, Evan T. Shaw, Luis A. Robles, Damien T. Maddox, Brian J. McGuire, Christopher E. D'Angelo, Neil D. Kelly, Nolan J. Gaumond, Tyler R. Denniston, Jeffrey A. Fraser, Ian J. Andrade, Thomas R. Coulombe, Seth C. Whitford, Richard A. Bautista, Kimberly R. Pitts-Wiley, Bradley J. Nuhn, Scott T. Potter, Jason R. Difusco, Travis G. Drappi, Matthew D. Fox, Craig A. Stinson, Adam J. Lepre

Maintenance: Mr. Scott Gordon

WICKFORD/PORTSMOUTH BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT ERIK W. JONES

PATROL AREA:

East Greenwich, North Kingstown,
Narragansett, South Kingstown, Exeter,
West Warwick, Warwick, Jamestown, Newport
Middletown, Portsmouth, Bristol, Warren,
Tiverton, Little Compton, Barrington



During 2015, the Wickford Barracks was under the command of Lieutenant Erik W. Jones, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Portsmouth Barracks was taken out of service and Troopers stationed at this barracks were assigned to the Wickford Barracks. Although the Portsmouth Barracks is no longer operational, a presence is maintained in this area. Troopers are dispatched from the Wickford Barracks for calls of service in the Portsmouth area.

The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in the Town of North Kingstown. The Wickford Barracks compliment is comprised of: one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, twenty-nine (29) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance employee. Vehicles assigned to the Barracks include twenty-eight (28) marked cruisers, five (4) unmarked cruisers, one (1) unmarked 4 x 4 Pick-Up Vehicle, and one (1) unmarked 4 x 2 Pick-Up Vehicle.

The Wickford/Portsmouth patrols provide police services, on a daily basis, for commuter traffic to and from the interstate highway system, and for the metropolitan areas of Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Newport, the East Bay area and suburban South County. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, there were additional demands for service due to beach traffic. The additional demands for police presence not only resulted in the need for stronger motor vehicle enforcement, but also caused a substantial increase in criminal complaints and arrests. The Wickford Barracks provides support for the Block Island Detail that ran each weekend from May until September, 2016.

In 2016, sworn personnel from the Wickford Barracks served in the following specialized units: the Governor's Security Detail, Tactical Team, Canine Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Accident Reconstruction Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard Unit, and Crisis Negotiation Unit. Additionally, Troopers were assigned to numerous special details. Some of the assigned details included; the Rhode Island National Guard Air Show, the Newport Jazz and Folk Festivals traffic enforcement and security, Jamestown Bridge 10K Road Race and Pell Bridge Run traffic enforcement, Blessing of the Fleet road race traffic enforcement, Governor's Bay Day, military and dignitary escorts to and from Quonset Point and the Newport Naval War College, Eastern State Exposition Big "E", and numerous public speaking assignments.

During 2016, members of the Wickford/Portsmouth Barracks arrested six hundred and thirty-nine (639) individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including ninety-two (92) arrests for Driving under the Influence, thirty-eight (38) of which were Refusals to submit to a chemical test. Troopers issued twelve thousand four hundred and seventy-two (12,472) citations, handled seven

hundred and eighty (780) incidents, and responded to eight hundred and thirty-four (834) accidents, of which two (2) were fatalities.

Interesting Investigation

On February 18, 2016, a Trooper on patrol observed a vehicle traveling in an erratic manner. After observing several moving violations, the Trooper initiated a motor vehicle stop of a silver Dodge Charger, on Route 95 at East Avenue in Warwick.

The operator of the vehicle presented what appeared to be valid identification and registration information. Due to inconsistencies in the operator's statements during the stop, the Trooper discovered the identification paperwork to be false which led to his true identity.

During a search of the vehicle, a large garbage bag was found. It contained ten (10) large storage type zip-loc bags with what was later proven to be marijuana. This led to the arrest of the operator and a lengthy investigation into numerous businesses throughout New England which were owned and operated by the suspect under his own name and the fake names listed on his identification.

Wickford Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Erik W. Jones

Sergeants: John C. Shelhart, Michael D. Casey

Corporals: Paul J. Conlon, Charles G. Levalley and Jeffrey C. Coleman

Troopers: Marc J. Lidsky, Jean C. Tondre, Luke R. Brisson, Daniel S. O'Neil, Kenneth J. Marandola, Anthony S. Washington, Andrew L. Carter, Gregory J. Palmer, Jared J. Andrews, Andrew G. Elsing, Amy M. Jackman, Benjamin R. Sternberg, Kyle A. McNulty, Carlos J. Lorenzo, Kyle C. Barnes, Brendan P. Degnan, Kyle R. Kells, Kyle S. Vinton, Thomas R. Davis, Cedric Carvalho, Brian R. Kilfoyle, Brendan R. Morgan, Corey D. Sheehan, Patrick T. Sarasin, Lauren E. Lanoie, Zachary D. Mattera, Andrew J. Phillips

Maintenance: Mr. Anthony Da Estrela

COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

SERGEANT JOHN E. FURTADO

Sergeant John E. Furtado, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police is the Commander of the Commercial Enforcement Unit and has served in this unit since 1997.

The Commercial Enforcement Unit (CEU) is comprised of one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, seven (7) Troopers, and one (1) Administrative Assistant. In addition to the full-time compliment, there are six (6) Troopers who assist the CEU on a part-time basis during a variety of commercial motor vehicle related details. Within the past few years a number of local agencies have had some of their patrol officers trained as roadside inspectors as well. Currently there are sixteen (16) local police officers who perform roadside inspections within their respective jurisdictions. All roadside inspectors must be certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Once certified, each roadside inspector has the authority to conduct Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections and ensure compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR).

In order to be certified as a Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector, the Trooper /Officer must complete the North American Standardized Inspection Course held at a Regional Training Academy. The Regional Training Academy for New England is currently located at the Massachusetts State Police Training Academy in New Braintree, MA. In addition to the basic two-week course, all full time CEU members must maintain certification in HAZMAT Vehicle Inspection, HAZMAT Bulk Package Inspection, Passenger Carrier/Motor Coach Inspection and Advanced Roadside Inspection Techniques. Each of the above certifications require additional classroom and field training with a certified inspector.

During the course of a roadside inspection, Troopers have additional responsibilities which include Rhode Island Department of Transportation Size and Weight Enforcement, Rhode Island Public Utilities Operating Authority Enforcement, and RI Department of Revenue Fuel Tax Enforcement. CEU members are also called upon to assist with major Commercial Vehicle Crash investigations that occur throughout the state.

In addition to roadside inspection, the CEU also participates in the New Entrant Safety Audit Program and the Compliance Review Program. New Entrant Safety Audits provide newer commercial carriers with a preliminary review of carrier operations. Each new carrier is subjected to a review within the first twelve (12) months of operation as an interstate carrier. The Compliance Review Program is an internal audit/investigation of a commercial carrier's transportation practices. The Compliance Review may be generated by a company's poor safety rating or a complaint filed with the FMCSA. At times, a Compliance Review will result in federal civil charges filed against the carrier and/or one of its drivers. At this time, there is one (1) full-time CEU Trooper and two (2) part-time CEU Troopers assigned to the FMCSA to conduct Safety Audits, as well as one (1) full-time CEU Trooper assigned to conduct Compliance Reviews. In November of 2016 the CEU began the implementation of a size and weight enforcement program where currently two (2) members of the unit will be dedicated to enforcing the Rhode Island Size and Weights Statutes.

During 2016, the Commercial Enforcement Unit performed four thousand and one (4,001) roadside inspections which included one hundred and ninety-one (191) Hazardous Materials carriers. As a result of these roadside inspections, nine thousand four hundred and forty-five (9,445) violations were cited with six hundred and thirty-two (632) vehicles and one hundred and seventy-nine (179) drivers being placed Out of Service due to unsafe operating conditions. Troopers also conducted two

thousand four hundred and twenty-seven (2,427) Traffic Enforcement related stops yielding five thousand seven hundred and ninety-six (5,796) violations.

Throughout the year, CEU members are called upon to speak at various safety meetings and provide valuable information to the commercial trucking industry. CEU members sit on a variety of committees that influence the commercial motor vehicle industry on both a local and national level.

Rhode Island has maintained a low commercial motor vehicle crash and fatality rating for several years and was recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Administration for the lowest commercial motor vehicle fatality rate for the calendar years 2011 through 2014. Also, the CEU was ranked 4th in the Nation as a High-Performance State by the American Transportation Research Institute for Exemplary Safety and Enforcement Performance activity.

Commercial Enforcement Unit Personnel

Sergeant: John E. Furtado

Corporal: Mark J. Perotti

Troopers: John J. Gadrow, Gina-Marie Lindell, Steven J. Haynes, Charles A. Bergeron, Sean F. Pasley, James M. Thomas, James R. Donnelly-Taylor

Aux. CEU: Sergeant Mark W. Gilson, Corporals Ronald J. Longolucco, Charles G. LeValley, Troopers Michael J. Doherty, Luis A. Robles

Administrative Assistant: Charlene Palleschi

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE SECURITY DETAIL

LIEUTENANT PAUL S. SIKORSKYJ

The Executive Security Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Paul S. Sikorskyj, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. Lieutenant Paul S. Sikorskyj reports directly to Captain John M. Allen, the District "A" Commander. The Executive Security Unit is comprised of one (1) Lieutenant and two (2) Troopers, who facilitate the day-to-day operations of the Governor's Security Detail. Division members assigned to this unit have successfully completed specialized training in the area of Executive/Dignitary protection.

The Executive Security Unit is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the Governor and first family at all times. Protective responsibilities include: personal, grounds and facility security; postal, e-mail and telephone screening as well as threat evaluation. These duties remain the same whether the Chief Executive's official business is within Rhode Island, or requires out of state travel. The Executive Security Unit incorporates various resources to ensure the safety and security of the Governor. These resources consist of communication and a positive working relationship with multiple law enforcement agencies, to include; local and State Police, Capitol Police, the United States Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States State Department, the Transportation Security Administration, and the United States Postal Inspectors.

Executive Security personnel spend a majority of their time conducting advanced work and formulating logistical arrangements for the numerous public appearances the Chief Executive Officer must attend while in office.

Governor's Executive Security Detail Personnel

Lieutenant: *Paul S. Sikorskyj*

Troopers: *Michael J. Doherty, Brent C. Wilks*

DETECTIVE COMMANDER

DETECTIVE BUREAU

MAJOR DENNIS B. FLEMING

Major Dennis B. Fleming is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police. He is a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division and is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Detective Bureau. Acting Captain Staci K. Shepherd, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division is second in charge of the Detective Bureau as the Assistant Detective Commander. The Detective Commander is directly responsible for all criminal investigations and administrative duties within the Detective Bureau. The Detective Commander is also a member of the Witness Protection Board and supervises the Witness Protection Coordinator.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of sixty-seven (67) detectives and investigators, as well as, twenty-two (22) task force officers from federal and local agencies, who investigate crimes that require specialized investigative techniques. These techniques include forensic examinations and the cultivation of informants. They require exhaustive dedication, and ultimately, accurate court testimony to pursue a case through to its final resolution. The Detective Bureau is supported by fifteen (15) civilian staff members who are instrumental in supporting the mission of the Detective Bureau.

The specialized units within the Detective Bureau focus on crimes related to terrorism, homicides, the illegal distribution of narcotics, computer crimes, stolen motor vehicles, insurance fraud, white collar crimes, public corruption, gaming crimes, traditional and non-traditional organized crimes, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and violent fugitives. In addition to the extensive caseload investigated by members of the Detective Bureau, members collaborate with local police departments and the Office of the Attorney General in all incidents involving the use of deadly force.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of the following Units: Major Crimes, Intelligence and Organized Crime/Fusion Center, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) Investigations, Financial Crimes/Public Corruption, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Computer Crimes/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud, Narcotics/HIDTA Task Force, Witness Protection, Evidence/Property Control, and Gaming Enforcement.

Designees of the Detective Bureau work in unison with federal agents and local police officers to assist in specialty units comprised of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Joint Terrorism Taskforce (JTTF), the United States Marshal Service (USMS), the United States Postal Inspectional Service (USPIS), the Rhode Island National Guard (RING), Providence Police, Pawtucket Police, West Warwick Police, Central Falls Police, North Kingstown Police, Coventry Police, Johnston Police, North Smithfield Police, Portsmouth Police, Warwick Police, Woonsocket Police, Bristol Police, Newport Police, Lincoln Police, East Providence Police, Cranston Police and the North Providence Police Departments. Several detectives also represent the State Police in various capacities within the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles and the Rhode Island Department of Corrections.

Members of the Forensic Services Unit (FSU) assist the Detective Bureau and local law enforcement agencies with the identification, collection, and preservation of evidence. The FSU collects and analyzes crime scene evidence that can be instrumental in identifying suspects, weapons used to perpetrate a crime, and the modus operandi of a crime.

Members of the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) assist the Detective Bureau and local law enforcement agencies with their expertise in the identification and collection of “digital” evidence. The CCU also provides extensive computer training to other members of law enforcement and outside agencies. Members of the Fusion Center assist the various detective units, as well as, federal and local law enforcement agencies, by collecting and disseminating information with a nexus to terrorism and major crimes.

During the past year, the Detective Bureau investigated two thousand, two hundred and sixty-six (2,266) cases resulting in seven hundred and seventeen (717) criminal arrests.

Detective Bureau Personnel

Detective Commander: Major Dennis B. Fleming

Assistant Detective Commander: Acting Captain Staci K. Shepherd

Lieutenants: David A. Doucet, Todd D. Neill, Christopher J. Schram, John H. Grassel, Robert A. Creamer, Michael J. McGlynn, Christopher J. Zarrella, William F. Accardi, Timothy E. Allen Jr., Peter J. Chabot

Sergeants: Timothy J. Dandeneau, Kenneth M. Moriarty, Richard D. Ptaszek, Eric M. Yelle, Cynthia Trahan, Philip D. Martin, Matthew S. Salisbury, Kenneth D. Demarco

Corporals: Scot G. Baruti, Daniel S. Fleming, Damien K. Longo, Robert J. Richardson, Kevin K. Kojoian, Anthony K. Commendatore, Matthew P. McGuire

Detectives: Terrence B. Pendergast, Marc A. Alboum, Nicholas P. Rivello Jr., Daniel A. Hernandez, Shawn P. Slade, Mark D. McGehearty, Ernest E. Adams, Brian M. Macera, Brendan R. Doyle, Sean P. McGehearty, Luke D. Schatz, James M. Brown, Robert P. Laurelli, Derek G. Melfi, Amanda L. Brezniak, Herbert D. Tilson, Steven M. Brown, Heather B. Donahue, William F. Reilly Jr., Lawens Fevrier, Nicholas J. Messinger, Adam B. Kennett, Kyle K. Shibley, John M. Elliott, Christopher V. O’Connors, Adam J. Houston, Courtney E. Elliott, Stephen W. Vinton, Ryan N. Mahoney, Melissa A. Giardina, Ruth C. Hernandez, Ryan M. Santo, Andrew R. Emerson, Robert B. Marchand, Amoncio A. DaCruz, Michael Reynolds III, Mathew C. Lynch, Conor S. O’Donnell, Gregory M. DeMarco, Robert J. Hopkins, Adrian Cybowicz

Investigator: Michael S. Douglas

Civilians: Karen Felice, Pauline M. Malec, Peta A. Simpson, Lori A. Tellier, Barbara M. Redinger, John C. Soscia, Michael P. DiComitis, Glen T. Hogan, Robert Avizinis, Gerard J. Ratigan, Stephen R. Bathgate, Brittnee L. Morgan, Meghan Martinez, Gerald Gent, Danielle E. Mahoney

FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER J. SCHRAM

In 2016, the Financial Crimes Unit (FCU) was led by Lieutenant Robert A. Creamer, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and Sergeant Cynthia Trahan, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. Lieutenant Christopher J. Schram, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police was transferred in as the Officer in Charge in December, 2016. The Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Corporal, four (4) Detectives, two (2) civilian Certified Fraud Examiners, one (1) Criminal Case Coordinator, and one (1) Analyst from the National Guard.

The Financial Crimes Unit is staffed with a diverse group of personnel skilled in areas of criminal investigation involving fraud, also known as "white collar crime." Unit personnel hold advanced degrees in law, accounting and taxation and have earned financial designations including Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner. The Unit is called upon to investigate a wide variety of financially motivated crimes that include public corruption, extortion, embezzlement, obtaining money by false pretenses, mortgage fraud, forgery, credit card fraud, bank fraud, identity theft, and money laundering. The unit opened one hundred and twelve (112) investigations, closed ninety-seven (97) investigations and made twenty-nine (29) arrests in 2016.

Interesting Investigations

In December, 2016, the Rhode Island State Police Financial Crimes Unit in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office, successfully completed a lengthy investigation of a complaint forwarded from the Rhode Island General Assembly with respect to unaccounted state funds granted to the Institute for International Sport located on the property of the University of Rhode Island, South Kingstown, Rhode Island. The five hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$575,000) dollars grant in question was applied for and awarded to the Institute's Executive Director, in January 2007. The funds were restricted for the sole use of constructing a second building (The International Leadership Building) adjacent to the Institute's main location. As a result of the building being incomplete after four (4) years, an audit on the use of the funds was conducted. The Office of the Auditor General's official report to the Joint Committee on Legislative Services and the leaders of the Rhode Island General Assembly detailed the findings on the Institute's use of the 2007 state grant and other financial matters. The report indicated that Institute's Executive Director was only able to account for one hundred sixty-three thousand and four hundred (\$163,400) dollars of costs associated with the five hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$575,000) dollars grant for the construction of the International Leadership Building. The remaining four hundred eleven thousand and six hundred (\$411,600) dollars was unaccounted for and the report indicated that the Institute concedes that all remaining funds were expended for general operating purposes. This use was noncompliant with the directives of the legislative grant.

In short, what resulted was an extensive investigation by members of the Financial Crimes Unit and the Attorney General's Office, resulting in an eighteen (18) count grand jury indictment in May, 2013 charging Institute's Executive Director with Embezzlement Over one hundred (\$100) dollars, Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses Over one thousand, five hundred (\$1,500) dollars, Forgery and Counterfeiting and Filing a False Document to a Public Official. The investigation further revealed that Institute's Executive Director had used over one million (\$1,000,000) dollars in Institute funds, which was taxpayer and private donor money, for his own personal benefit from 2005-2012 without authorization. Evidence was presented that Institute's Executive Director had taken seven hundred, fifty thousand (\$750,000) dollars in unauthorized salary and loan payments, used Institute funds to cover one hundred, fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars' worth of personal expenses on his

personal American Express card to include cosmetic surgery, paid one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars in unauthorized tuition payments, paid one hundred twenty thousand (\$120,000) dollars in expenses connected to his private businesses, and paid twenty two thousand (\$22,000) dollars to fulfill a personal donation pledged to his alma mater, Bates College, all with Institute money. In addition, Institute's Executive Director created fraudulent documents to make it appear that his actions were approved by a fictitious Board of Directors, forged individuals' names on Institute checks made payable to himself and on filings made to the Rhode Island Secretary of State. Ultimately, a successful prosecution was brought forward and Institute's Executive Director was found guilty on all eighteen (18) counts by a jury of his peers.

Sierra Pacific Mortgage Company

In May of 2014, Sierra Pacific Mortgage Company, Inc. was made aware of a suspicious mortgage that had been sold to Wells Fargo Bank. N.A. Wells Fargo had conducted random audits prior to purchasing loans from Sierra Pacific and discovered that one of the loans that had been submitted to Wells Fargo by Sierra Pacific, used fraudulent bank statements to support the loan request. The loan in question was brokered by a Sierra Pacific employee (Suspect 1). A review of the employee's loan files was conducted and revealed sixteen (16) additional loans that had been secured with either fraudulent bank statements or other fraudulent proof of assets. A known attorney (Suspect 2) acted as the closing attorney on all of these loans through his title company. A joint investigation was initiated involving members of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the United States Secret Service and the United States Attorney's Office.

The investigation revealed that the known attorney and the Sierra Pacific employee perpetrated an intricate mortgage fraud scheme in which approximately \$2.5 million dollars in fraudulent loans were secured by using straw borrowers, false mortgage applications, false supporting documentation, fraudulent down payments and false HUD-1 forms. Sixteen (16) properties, located predominately in the greater Providence area, were identified. The investigation also revealed that the known attorney and the Sierra Pacific employee solicited the assistance of the following four (4) individuals in furtherance of their scheme:

- 1. Suspect 3 – an unlicensed loan officer who impersonated the Sierra Pacific employee, and was a licensed mortgage loan originator, when dealing with lenders and borrowers. Suspect 3 identified and recruited borrowers to purchase properties from the co-conspirators and their associates. Also, manufactured or caused to manufacture fraudulent supporting financial documentation for loans.*
- 2. Suspect 4 – identified and recruited borrowers to purchase properties from the co-conspirators and their associates. Also, manufactured or caused to manufacture fraudulent supporting financial documentation for loans.*
- 3. Suspect 5 – the known attorney's office manager/secretary who helped process loan applications for Suspect 3 and the Sierra Pacific employee. Also, manufactured or caused to manufacture fraudulent supporting financial documentation for loans.*
- 4. Suspect 6 – a licensed real estate agent who fraudulently listed properties on Multiple Listing Services (MLS) to support documentation submitted for loans.*

The United States Attorney's Office filed a seventeen (17) count indictment against six (6) co-conspirators. The defendants were charged with the following violations: Conspiracy to commit bank fraud, bank fraud, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and aiding and abetting. The defendants (Suspect 3, 4, 5, and 6) have all accepted plea agreements and have been sentenced. The known attorney has accepted a plea agreement that has been filed with the court; however, currently has not been sentenced. The United States Attorney's Office recommended that the known attorney serve eighty-seven (87) months in prison.

FUSION CENTER

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM F. ACCARDI

The Rhode Island State Police manages a regional Fusion Center. The mission of the Fusion Center is to facilitate the timely and accurate exchange of information between local, state, and federal public safety agencies as well as private sector organizations. Through a cooperative and coordinated approach, the Fusion Center augments law enforcement operations by acting as a centralized, comprehensive criminal intelligence center to coordinate the exchange of criminal information in an effort to identify, investigate and prevent criminal activity relevant to terrorism and public safety. The Rhode Island Fusion Center employs a number of information sharing systems and portals to share information to include the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) such as NESPIN, FBI Law Enforcement Online (LEO) and e-Guardian which is used to share suspicious activity reports (SARS) that may be associated with terrorist activity. The Fusion Center also has connectivity to the National Network of Fusion Centers. This includes seventy-eight (78) other Fusion Centers located throughout the United States and its territories. These Fusion Centers collaborate with each other and the Department of Homeland Security in an effort to best represent the missions of counter - terrorism, all crimes and all hazards. Fusion Center personnel have recently assumed added responsibilities of managing several new data bases and websites such as Crime N'tel, RISSAFE, Rhode Island's Most Wanted Website, CodeRED Emergency Communications Network and ISO Claimsearch.

The Fusion Center is under the supervision of Rhode Island State Police Lieutenant William F. Accardi, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Fusion Center is staffed by both sworn and civilian personnel to include one (1) Rhode Island State Police Detective, four (4) Intelligence Analysts and one (1) Intelligence Officer from the Department of Homeland Security. One (1) Detective Trooper is also assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and reports to the Officer in Charge of the Fusion Center. Additionally, the Fusion Center is staffed with Liaison Officers from other agencies to include the Department of Corrections, Rhode Island Emergency Management and New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NEHIDTA).

A comprehensive Rhode Island Fusion Center Privacy Policy was developed in 2010 with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Legal Counsel and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security. On November 3, 2010, this policy was approved by the Chief Privacy Officer from the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of the privacy policy is to ensure safeguards and sanctions are in place to protect personal information. In January 2016, the Rhode Island Fusion Center Privacy Policy was revised with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Legal Counsel and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security and again approved by the Chief Privacy Officer from the Department of Homeland Security.

All Fusion Center staff members have been provided with a copy of the Privacy Policy. Members of the Fusion Center have been trained in 28-CFR-23, which specifies lawful standards pertaining to the collection process and maintenance of criminal intelligence databases. Members of the Fusion Center have received formal training regarding 28-CFR-23 by personnel from the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) as part of a requirement to obtain access to NESPIN's criminal intelligence database. The Chief Legal Counsel of the Division of State Police also serves as the Privacy Officer for the Fusion Center and ensures that the Rhode Island Fusion Center Privacy Policy is adhered to. According to the Rhode Island Fusion Center Privacy Policy, unit members are prohibited from collecting or retaining information about the political, religious, or social views; participation in a particular organization or event; or activities of any individual or his/her race, ethnicity, citizenship, place of origin, age, disability, gender, or sexual orientation unless the

information is relevant to whether an individual or organization has engaged in, is engaging in, or is planning a criminal terrorist activity; an observable behavior or incident indicative of criminal activity or terrorist attack planning; is needed by the Rhode Island Fusion Center to identify an individual in order to operate effectively, or to provide services to the individuals, or accommodate an individual's religious, ethnic, or cultural requests or obligations. A copy of the Rhode Island Fusion Center Privacy Policy has been previously sent and is on file with the Accreditation Unit.

Members of the Fusion Center utilize the Intelligence Cycle which includes Planning and Direction, Collection, Processing, Analysis and Production and Dissemination. Attempts are made to determine the validity of all information that is received. An encrypted computer drive is housed at State Police Headquarters where much of the information received by the Fusion Center is stored. This computer drive is only accessible to members of the Fusion Center and Intelligence Unit. No other sworn members have access to this drive. Information is also stored within the Investigative Module of the State Police Records Management System. This information is compartmentalized from the reports of other investigative units and is also restricted to Fusion Center and Intelligence Unit personnel.

The Fusion Center also uses "Crime N'tel" software to maintain a separate criminal intelligence database. This software allows for internal information sharing within the Fusion Center and Intelligence Unit, as well as with the Commonwealth Fusion Center in the State of Massachusetts, the Vermont Intelligence Center and the Connecticut Intelligence Center. Future expansion of this criminal intelligence mechanism would allow for statewide sharing of criminal intelligence within the State of Rhode Island and Connecticut. This system allows administrators of the system to set access permissions for all users of this system and requires that trained personnel verify all criminal intelligence prior to being shared within the database to ensure that all requirements mandated by 28-CFR-23 are being followed. An internal purging records system is part of this software as well as the ability to conduct audits of user activity within the system. The purging process is overseen by the Officer in Charge of the Fusion Center, as well as designated system administrators.

The Officer in Charge of the Fusion Center conducts an annual review of information collection and storage procedures to ensure proper protocol is being followed and implements enhancements when deemed appropriate.

NARCOTICS UNIT/RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS TASK FORCE

LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY E. ALLEN JR.

During the year of 2016, the Narcotics Unit / Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force was under the command of Lieutenant Timothy E. Allen, Jr., a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, and comprised of two (2) Non-Commissioned Officers; and four (4) Detectives from the Rhode Island State Police.

The HIDTA Unit is a statewide task force known as the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force. The Rhode Island State Police manages the Task Force, which is comprised of Rhode Island State Police Detectives, Special Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Bureau of Homeland Security, (HSI), along with full time Detectives from Pawtucket Police Department, Johnston Police Department; West Warwick Police Department, and the Lincoln Police Department. The Rhode Island National Guard-Counterdrug Support Program also has two (2) analysts assigned to the Task Force.

The Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the federal and state Uniformed Controlled Substance Act. The mission of the Task Force is to identify, target for prosecution and dismantle, core and secondary Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) that import and / or distribute cocaine, heroin, and / or other illegal narcotics in or through the Rhode Island geographical area. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy / bust operations, undercover operations, reverse sting operations, and parcel package / freight interdiction. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently results in the arrest of criminals and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets, including United States currency. The HIDTA Task Force also assists members of the Uniform Division, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotics-related investigations. In addition, the Task Force provides narcotics training at Division In-Service.

The majority of cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force are a result of proactive investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from the cultivation of confidential informants. Furthermore, HIDTA members develop information provided to them by members of the Patrol Bureau as a result of motor vehicle stops and / or arrests.

The HIDTA Task Force is federally funded, but also relies on cash / asset seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for investigations.

In 2016, the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force was involved in the investigation of one hundred and thirty-four (134) drug-related cases resulting in one hundred and thirteen (113) state and federal criminal arrests, and twelve (12) other criminal arrests. As a result of the 2016 investigations and arrests, the below-listed contraband and property was seized:

Contraband Seized

Arrests: 113

Heroin Seized: 16,815.5 grams

Cocaine Seized: 34,196 grams

Marijuana Seized: 216 pounds

Marijuana Plants Seized: 673

Synthetic Marijuana D/U: 422

Butane Honey Oil (BHO): 13,699 grams

Controlled Prescription Drugs Seized: 639 pills: (OxyContin, Oxycodone, Percocet, Alprazolam, Sub Oxone)

Morphine seized: 124 grams

Molly/ (MDMA): 4,102 grams,

Methamphetamine Seized: 286 grams

Weapons Seized: 32 Firearms

Seized Property

United States Currency Seized: \$426,320.00

Other Assets Seized: 21 Motor Vehicles.

The Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Unit also has one (1) member, Detective Christopher V. O'Connors, assigned fulltime to the Providence Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force, and from July 2016, one (1) member, Detective Derek G. Melfi, assigned part-time to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In 2016, these detectives were the case agents for numerous narcotics / firearms-related investigations and arrests as well as civil forfeitures of United States currency where no arrests were made.

Lieutenant John W. Gibbs was the administrator of the Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) program until May 2016 until Corporal Daniel Fleming took on this role. The DHE program is a nationwide, federally funded criminal interdiction initiative and is comprised of eight (8) Uniform Division Troopers who have been specially trained in highway criminal interdiction techniques.

During the 2016 calendar year, the DHE Program was responsible for thirty-two (32) arrests and seized the following contraband:

Contraband Seized

Heroin: 27 grams

Cocaine: 2231 grams

Marijuana: 319 pounds

MDMA: 15 grams

Diversory Drugs: 3,456 tablets (Oxycontin, Oxycodone, Suboxone, Xanax, Vicodin, etc.)

Firearms: 3

Seized Currency

United States Currency: \$44,625

Interesting Investigation

During the month of July 2016 through October 2016, the Rhode Island State Police HIDTA Unit began an investigation to specifically target narcotics traffickers, dealers, and associates selling heroin laced with fentanyl by utilizing a co-operating witness, dubbed the name "Turn Me Loose". The co-operating witness agreed to testify in court proceedings in order to assist with the prosecution of the individuals identified and arrested throughout the investigation. This investigation utilized video footage and audio recordings obtained through covert cameras and audio recording devices provided to the co-operating witness. Members of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force also conducted surveillance on all these controlled purchases of narcotics made by the co-operating witness.

As a result of this four (4) month long investigation, eight (8) court authorized search warrants were executed; twenty-six (26) individuals were arrested for narcotics related distribution/delivery charges, ten (10) of which included the charge of possession and/or distribution of Schedule II-fentanyl; two (2) handguns and one (1) rifle was seized; ninety (90) grams of heroin/fentanyl; four hundred and forty-five (445) grams of cocaine, and several vials of steroids were also seized.

Due to the rarity of this type of investigation involving a co-operating witness, the significant seizure of narcotics, the specific targeting of narcotics traffickers selling heroin laced with fentanyl, the amount of time required to manage the co-operating witness, the collection of video, audio, and physical evidence, and the number of people arrested and charged during this case, a request was made for members of the HIDTA Unit and supporting personnel to be considered for an appropriate Division Award.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. CREAMER

The Major Crimes Unit is presently under the command of Lieutenant Robert A. Creamer, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and tasked with investigating homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, robberies, sex trafficking, assaults involving serious injury, motor vehicle accidents involving serious injury/death and investigations of police officer shootings or the in-custody death of prisoners. In addition, the Major Crimes Unit works closely with other state, federal and local law enforcement agencies involving investigations of mutual concern, to include combating Human Trafficking within the State of Rhode Island. The Unit is also responsible for investigating criminal activity at the Adult Correctional Institution, the Rhode Island Training School -Youth Correctional Center and the Wyatt Detention Facility (when requested). In addition, the Unit is responsible for and maintains the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry (RISOR) database and is the coordinating agency with all the local police departments in State for the centralization of this information.

The Major Crimes Unit is presently comprised of the following members: one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Corporal, nine (9) Detectives, one (1) Civilian Investigator and one (1) Program Manager.

In calendar year 2016, members of the Major Crimes Unit made one hundred fifty-eight (158) arrests and investigated or assisted in four hundred and fifty-three (453) separate incidents. These cases were directed to the Major Crimes Unit through either an initial barracks investigation, walk-in complaint, complaints filed at the Detective Office located at the Adult Correctional Institution, or when called to assist with local law enforcement investigations.

In addition to Detectives assigned to Headquarters, the Major Crimes Unit has two (2) Detectives assigned to the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI). These Detectives thoroughly investigate all complaints made by both prison employees and incarcerated inmates. These Detectives also collect criminal information from prisoner investigators employed at the Department of Corrections, which is then shared with other law enforcement agencies in an effort to bolster officer safety. Detectives assigned to the ACI handle the prosecution of all inmates who are considered fugitives from other states. These detectives also handle investigations and prosecution of offenders who are in the custody of the Department of Children, Youth and Families at the Rhode Island Youth Detention Center (Training School).

Interesting Investigation

The Rhode Island State Police was contacted by the Cranston Police Department requesting assistance with a multi-jurisdictional homicide. The Cranston, Warwick, Little Compton, Massachusetts State Police and the Westport, Massachusetts Police Departments were jointly investigating the discover of human body parts that had been discovered in the waters off the coast of Westport, Massachusetts and on the shores of Little Compton. Shortly after these discoveries, the Massachusetts Medical Examiner's Office was able to confirm that the body parts found in Westport and Little Compton were those of the same individual. The victim had been reported missing to the Cranston Police Department on August 13, 2015 by members of his family.

Members of the Major Crimes Unit were assigned to the investigation. During the initial stages of this investigation, it was unclear as to whether the victim had been murdered in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. As a result, investigators had the challenge of not only identifying those responsible for

the victim's murder and dismemberment, but also the location of the murder for purposes of determining which law enforcement agency should take the lead in the investigation and where the investigation would be prosecuted in the event of an arrest.

With the collaboration of all members of the investigative team, several possible suspects were identified. After conducting multiple interviews with individuals associated with these potential suspects, the investigative team developed information that led them to focus on one individual. This individual was identified as the owner and operator of two licensed marijuana grow facilities in the City of Warwick. The information cultivated at this point in the investigation identified a possible motive for the murder and a means of disposal of Mello's body at sea. However, a murder location was still not identified.

Throughout the next several months of this investigation, members of the Major Crimes Unit as well as members of the Forensic Sciences Unit worked through the challenges associated with a very complex investigation that involved several law enforcement agencies and jurisdictions within two states. Members analyzed electronic data and devices to piece together and uncover a motive, weeks of planning between the co-conspirators, and the precise actions taken by these individuals that resulted in the death, mutilation and disposal of the victim. This investigative approach resulted in the development of probable cause that led to the execution of sixty-five (65) court authorized search warrants resulting in the seizure of two hundred and nineteen (219) items. Investigators pieced together the actions of the individuals responsible for the death of the victim with such accuracy that a motive, plan and execution of the murder of the victim resulted in an indictment, charging five (5) individuals with murder, conspiracy to commit murder and mutilation of the human body.

Since their indictment, two (2) of the five (5) individuals have cooperated and provided detailed statements implicating themselves and their co-conspirators in the murder of the victim. The remaining three (3) individuals have court cases pending before the Kent County Superior Court.

Major Crimes Unit Personnel

Sworn Personnel: Lieutenant Robert A. Creamer; Corporals Scot G. Baruti, Robert J. Richardson; Detectives Herbert D. Tilson, Heather B. Palumbo, Stephen M. Brown, Kyle K. Shibley, Ruth C. Hernandez, Adam B. Kennett, Conor S. O'Donnell, and Robert J. Hopkins; Investigator Michael S. Douglas

Civilian Personnel: Program Manager Danielle Mahoney

COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT

CAPTAIN JOHN C. ALFRED

During 2016, the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) was led by Captain John C. Alfred a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, followed by one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, three (3) detectives, two (2) civilian forensic analysts, one (1) program manager, and one (1) K9. Combined, Unit personnel have an expansive and diverse knowledge base, based both on formal education and experiential learning. Unit personnel hold advanced degrees in criminal justice, political science, computer science, sociology, and human development and family studies, supplemented by numerous industry-recognized certifications such as Encase Certified Examiner (EnCE), Comp TIA A+, Security +, Network +, The United States Secret Service Network Intrusion Responder Program, AccessData Certified Examiner (ACE), and in specialty areas around conducting online undercover and peer-to-peer investigations and forensic interviewing.

The Computer Crimes Unit investigates criminal violations of law which often involve the use of a computer in the commission of the crime. These crimes encompass all types of criminal activity ranging from traditional crimes to online violations to include unlawful computer access, online fraud, identity theft, child exploitation and network intrusions. Moreover, the Unit contains two Task Force/Team-oriented groupings that focus on specialized areas of technology-facilitated criminal activity – the Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (RIICAC) Task Force and the Rhode Island Joint Cyber Task Force (RIJCTF). Additionally, the Computer Crimes Unit provides forensic analysis of digital media and technical assistance to members of the division and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In 2016, the Computer Crimes Unit completed multiple arrest operations stemming from forty-seven (47) proactive, undercover investigations; investigated approximately five hundred and twenty-eight (528) complaints, made seventy-eight (78) arrests, completed two hundred and fifty-eight (258) forensic analyses, and provided one hundred and eighty-three (183) technical assists to Division members or other members of law enforcement throughout the State. On RIICAC cases alone, over sixty-two (62) terabytes worth of information was analyzed.

The Rhode Island ICAC Task Force is a Department of Justice grant-funded program administered by the Rhode Island State Police, specifically the Computer Crimes Unit. Over the last year, the Task Force has been comprised of the five (5) members of the Computer Crimes Unit along with detectives from the Warwick Police Department, Cranston Police Department, Newport Police Department, East Providence Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, Portsmouth Police Department, Woonsocket Police Department, North Kingstown Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the United States Postal Inspection Services (USPIS). The objective of the RIICAC Task Force is to form strong working relationships between local, state, and federal law enforcement to effectively and efficiently prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute online child exploitation and child pornography crimes.

This year also saw a significant increase in activity related to cybersecurity. With support from federal funding, the Unit remains diligent in its efforts to expand and train members of the Rhode Island Joint Cyber Task Force (RIJCTF) to improve responses to a myriad of possible scenarios that we face as an increasingly technologically-dependent society. Currently, the RIJCTF consists of over one-hundred (100) representatives from various public and private sector agencies who recognize the need for a unified effort against cyber threats to our infrastructure. The RIJCTF continues to grow in size and expertise, furthering the mission to be able to provide coordinated analysis, support, and response both during and prior to a potential cyber incident.

In addition to the Unit's regular Joint Cyber Task Force meetings, the RIJCTF continued to participate in other statewide cyber meetings, such as the monthly Pell Center Corporate Cybersecurity Initiative meetings and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource Working Group. The Joint Cyber Task Force has also worked hard to continue the mission and spirit of the Governor's Cybersecurity Commission by implementing several cybersecurity initiatives for the municipality infrastructure, and has worked closely with Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and the Community College of Rhode Island on their HOTSIM higher education implementation. Additional cyber-related educational outreach has included full support of CyberPatriot, numerous presentations across the state regarding the implementation of Cisco Networking Academies, and HOTSIM demonstrations for both high school and college students.

Trainings for businesses, as well as, for Task Force members continues. The Task Force has conducted several trainings and outreach support for local cities, towns, and businesses, both as a pre-emptive effort and as a response to various malware infections. Additionally, members have attended various conferences and trainings including NW3C, Norwood Cybersecurity Conference, and several full-scale and table top exercises conducted by Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. In the Fall, for Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the Task Force held its second conference for city and town officials regarding cybersecurity best practices.

Interesting Investigation

During the months of January and February 2016, the Computer Crimes Unit received several requests for assistance from local municipalities investigating bomb threats from a suspect using a computer-generated text-to-speech application, as well as encrypted communications platforms. At least fifteen (15) threats were received, primarily targeting local high schools, in addition to one (1) swatting call and one (1) reported instance of what appeared to be the hacking of an email address referenced in one of the threats.

After significant investigation, including the forensic analyses of numerous digital media devices, an arrest was made of a juvenile for fifteen (15) counts of Bomb Threats and Similar False Reports, two (2) counts of Extortion and Blackmail, and one (1) count of Access to Computer for Fraudulent Purposes. Additionally, the juvenile suspect provided information on ten (10) other incidents, as well as the name of an additional suspect who had made similar threats across the country and subsequently made several targeted, local threats in response to the original arrest.

Provided with information from the suspect in custody, as well as extensive coordination with other law enforcement agencies across the country, the second suspect was charged was four (4) counts of False Report of a Crime, two (2) counts of Extortion and Blackmail, six (6) counts of Conspiracy, five (5) counts of Threatening to Place a Bomb in a Public Building, and admitted to involvement in bomb threats in several other states.

This is just one example of many from the Computer Crimes Unit detailing the dedication of its members, the seamlessness of its partnerships with other agencies, and the importance of specialized technical training. Over nine (9) agencies from seven (7) states were involved in investigating these suspects, and through the tireless and highly educated efforts of the Computer Crimes Unit, they were identified and arrested.

Computer Crimes Unit Members

Captain John C. Alfred is the Officer-in-Charge of the Rhode Island Joint Cyber Task Force (RIJCTF) and the Fusion Center. Detective Sergeant Eric M. Yelle is the Commander of the Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (RIICAC) Task Force. The sworn members assigned to the Computer Crimes Unit and both the RIJCTF/RIICAC Task Forces are Detective Sergeant Eric M. Yelle, Detective Corporal Damien K. Longo, Detective Brian M. Macera, Detective Adam J. Houston, Detective Anthony S. Washington, and K9 Thoreau. Detective Luke D. Schatz is also newly assigned to the Unit, but has been on medical leave. The Computer Crimes Unit has three (3) civilian employees: Ms. Meghan Martinez, Cyber Terrorism Program Manager, Ms. Brittnee L. Morgan, Forensic Analyst, and Mr. Gerald Gent, Forensic Analyst. Additional Unit Task Force and Team members responding to the Unit during this reporting period were Detective Erik Baccari, of the Cranston Police Department; Special Agent James Richardson from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); Postal Inspector Michael Connelly, of the United States Postal Inspection Service; Detective Kevin Petit, of the Warwick Police Department; Lieutenant Christopher Brooks, of the Woonsocket Police Department; Detective Robert Cardente, of the Pawtucket Police Department; Detective Jesse Jarvis, of the North Kingstown Police Department; Acting Sergeant Michael Morse, of the Portsmouth Police Department; and Detective Joseph Lavalley, of the Newport Police Department.

INTELLIGENCE UNIT

LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER J. ZARRELLA

The Intelligence Unit is tasked with the investigation of traditional and non-traditional organized crime. The Intelligence Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Christopher J. Zarrella, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Intelligence Unit is presently comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant and four (4) Detectives. One of this Unit's four (4) Detectives is assigned full time to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Organized Crime and Safe Streets Task Force.

The Division acknowledges the existence of organized criminal activity that poses a grave danger to the welfare and safety of the citizens of Rhode Island. The Intelligence Unit may be directed to investigate crimes related to murder, robbery, sexual assault, burglary, theft, fraud, arson, kidnapping, extortion, threats, bribery, labor racketeering, loan sharking, unlawful gambling, narcotic investigations, motorcycle gang activity, gang activity, conspiracy, terrorist threats, as well as other types of organized criminal activity which may require the assistance of federal agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Internal Revenue, Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the United States Secret Service.

Since the Intelligence Unit focuses on the identification and subsequent investigation of organized criminal groups, cases are often long-term and complex.

To fulfill its investigative responsibilities, the Intelligence Unit utilizes both traditional and non-traditional investigative methods. Specifically, members of the Intelligence Unit employ physical as well as electronic surveillance methods including electronic monitoring of a myriad of electronic communication modalities. Members of the Intelligence Unit often conduct controlled purchases of various types of contraband, will engage in buy/bust operations and have conducted reverse sting operations. Moreover, to initiate a new investigation or further an existing one, members of the Intelligence Unit frequently interact with a network of confidential informants as well as personnel from outside agencies.

Of consequence is the fact that the clear majority of investigations conducted by members of the Intelligence Unit often culminate in the execution of court-authorized search and arrest warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently results not only in arrests, but the seizure and forfeiture of illegally obtained assets.

In addition to their investigative obligations, members of the Intelligence Unit cultivate and manage confidential informants, maintain criminal intelligence files as well as identify and monitor criminal activities exhibited by known members of organized crime. Unit members also work to develop and maintain information pertaining to criminal activities exhibited by various street gangs and their associates. Members of the Intelligence Unit are also tasked with assisting other members of the Division by presenting informational seminars at Division In-Service Trainings or to other law enforcement agencies.

The duties and responsibilities of the Intelligence Unit do not end with conducting investigations or presentations. Members of the Intelligence Unit are frequently tasked with assisting

local, state and federal agencies in a host of other ways. For example, members of the Intelligence Unit are trained and equipped to conduct electronic sweeps for surreptitiously secreted recording or transmitting devices. Consequently, members of the Unit are often called upon by newly elected officials to conduct sweeps of public offices to ensure the absence of the devices. Members of the Unit are also often tasked with researching, testing and trouble-shooting various types of electronic monitoring/recording equipment used by members of the Division. Finally, members of the Intelligence Unit assist all Rhode Island State Police personnel, as deemed necessary by the Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Field Operations.

Unit members are also responsible for sharing information with other state and local law enforcement agencies, to include but not limited to: The New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Interesting Investigation

During the month of August 2015 Detectives cultivated information regarding a large scale organized criminal gambling operation being overseen by a former correctional officer (Suspect 1). Suspect 1 was reportedly overseeing this operation with the assistance of a second subject (Suspect 2). Detectives learned that these individuals were using a gambling website based in Panama to further their criminal gambling operation. Specifically, Suspect 1 purchased an account from the website and made weekly payments for a quantity of passwords which granted access to his account. Suspect 1, or his designee, then issued his betting customers these passwords which afforded them access to his account. As the account "Agent", Suspect 1 had complete control of the accounts content and functionality. Specifically, Suspect 1 determined which sporting events the account would accept wagers on and manipulated the betting lines for those events. Once logged onto the site, bettors could place wagers on a myriad of college and professional sporting events. By using the website to accept sports wagers, Suspects 1 and 2 could monitor their customer's betting activity without having to use a telephone. Specifically, they could monitor the events wagered on, amount wagered, time and date of wagers placed, etcetera. The settling of debts aspect of this operation however, was conducted in the traditional fashion; namely, Suspects 1, 2 or their designee would contact betting customers and make arrangements to meet to settle debts incurred from the previous week's wagers.

Since this operation used a web-based method to accept and record wagers, members of the investigative team could not use traditional investigative techniques to gain further insight into the operation. Consequently, Detectives submitted a proposal for undercovers to attempt to infiltrate the operation.

In the months that followed, Detectives acting in an undercover capacity, portrayed themselves as sports gamblers, earned the trust of Suspect 2 and successfully infiltrated the lower levels of the operation. This access to the criminal operation afforded investigators the opportunity to obtain considerable evidence linking Suspects 1 and 2, as well as, the use of the website to the crimes of organized criminal gambling, bookmaking and conspiracy. However, despite the obvious success of the undercover portion of the investigation, investigators were unable to learn the entire scope of the gambling operation.

Because the investigative team had taken the investigation as far as it could go using undercovers and other traditional law enforcement techniques, Detectives requested the use of

electronic wire intercepts on phones used by the suspects. Detectives drafted, submitted and executed several search warrants for several telephones used by the suspects to conduct their organized criminal gambling operation. Analysis of the phone data seized from the warrants revealed evidence consistent with the conducting of a large-scale gambling operation. Members of the Attorney General's office were briefed and later agreed to the need for wire intercepts to further the investigation.

During the month of December, Detectives submitted Title III Affidavits for five (5) different telephone accounts which were identified as business lines used by the suspects. As the investigation progressed, members of the investigative team gathered additional information evidencing the above-mentioned website as an integral component to the overall success of the gambling operation. Consequently, Detectives submitted a search warrant for Suspect 1's website account. The affidavit for this warrant requested permission from the Court to conduct a search of Suspect 1's website account in "real time." Specifically, in executing this search warrant Detectives would be employing technology which permitted them the ability to view up to date wagering activity by any betting customers with access to Suspect 1's account. This warrant and the way it was executed was the first of its kind by members of law enforcement.

The evidence gathered from this warrant revealed the entire scope of the suspect's organized criminal gambling operation. Detectives were able to confirm that the operation granted sports betting privileges to a total of eighty (80) betting customers. Moreover, Detectives determined that the suspect's sports betting account conducted approximately two and a half million (\$2,500,000.00) dollars in sports wagers and that Suspect 1 gleaned an annual profit of approximately five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the operation.

Throughout the course of the investigation, members of the investigative team learned of a second organized criminal gambling operation associated with Suspects 1 and 2. The individuals overseeing this operation were later identified as Suspect 3, a former correctional officer and Suspect 4, the owner of a local restaurant. Information revealed from the investigation indicated that Suspect 1 and/or Suspect 2 occasionally assisted Suspect 3 and/or Suspect 4's organized criminal gambling operation by sharing wagers or accepting "lay-off" wagers. Detectives later prepared additional Title III affidavits seeking approval for electronic monitoring of three telephone accounts used by Suspects 3 and 4 to further their organized criminal gambling operation. This request was approved and brought the total number of telephone accounts actively being monitored to eight (8).

As the investigation entered its eighth month, members of the investigative team developed information indicative of a large-scale marijuana distribution operation being conducted by Suspect 4 and a subject identified as Suspect 5. Detectives submitted an affidavit requesting the Presiding Justice of Superior Court amend the original order pertaining to telephones used by Suspect 4 to also include electronic transmissions pertaining to narcotics.

Subsequently, members of the investigative team gathered additional information revealing the scope of the narcotics distribution operation being conducted by Suspects 4 and 5.

Information gathered throughout the course of the investigation including the analysis of thousands of texts and telephone conversations, as well as, over one hundred (100) surveillances, resulted in Detectives submitting a total of seventeen (17) arrest warrants and fifteen (15) search warrants. The arrest and search warrants revolved around charges pertaining to organized criminal gambling, bookmaking and conspiracy.

On April 12, 2016, members of the investigative team along with assistance from members of the Rhode Island State Fusion Center, Detective and Uniform Divisions, as well as, Federal Bureau of Investigations, United States Marshals and numerous local law enforcement agencies, convened to prepare for the execution of the above listed court authorized warrants. The execution of these warrants resulted in the arrest of eighteen (18) subjects for the above listed charges, as well as, charges pertaining to violation of the controlled substance act. Moreover, with information gathered throughout the course of the takedown, Detectives obtained three (3) additional court authorized search warrants pertaining to the narcotics distribution portion of the investigation. These additional warrants resulted in two (2) additional arrests bringing the total number of subjects taken into custody to twenty (20). In addition to the twenty (20) arrests, members of the takedown team seized a total of two hundred ninety-four thousand five hundred and four (\$294,504.00) dollars in United States currency, approximately three hundred (300) pounds of marijuana, a quantity of other controlled substances to include Hydrocodone, Amphetamines and Testosterone, as well as three (3) motor vehicles.

UNIT MEMBERS:

Lieutenant Christopher J. Zarrella

Sergeant Philip D. Martin

Detective Nicholas P. Rivello

Detective Shawn P. Slade

Detective Mark D. McGehearty

Detective Michael Reynolds, III

Detective Ryan N. Mahoney

VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

LIEUTENANT TODD D. NEILL

The Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF) is under the command of Lieutenant Todd D. Neil, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The unit is currently comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, three (3) Detective's, one (1) Providence Police Patrolman, (1) Cranston Detective, and five (5) part-time members from the United States Marshals Service.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is responsible for tracking and locating subjects that are wanted on violent felony charges. Members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force track and investigate long-term fugitive matters and also handle a large quantity of parole violators, federal probation violators, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) escapees, and requests from the Attorney General's Office as well as requests from local and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is located at an off-site location in Warwick, Rhode Island. The Task Force primarily uses the State Police Lincoln Barracks to process, hold and interview suspects.

During the past calendar year, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested two hundred and thirty-eight (238) people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests include: seven (7) individuals wanted for murder, one (1) for Murder of a Police Officer, five (5) individuals wanted for armed robbery, two (2) subjects wanted for bank robbery, twelve (12) individuals wanted for sexual assault/child molestation, thirteen (13) individuals wanted for drug charges, four (4) individuals wanted for breaking and entering/home invasion, and nineteen (19) individuals wanted for Felony assault with a dangerous weapon to include firearms.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force brought additional criminal charges on subjects the following: three (3) individuals were charged with new Firearms charges. Several individuals were charged with resisting arrest and obstruction of justice and various drug charges. Members seized multiple guns and drugs.

Interesting Investigation

On Monday, October 31, 2016 the Pawtucket Police Department responded to the Dunkin Donuts Restaurant in Pawtucket for the report of a male subject who had been shot. The victim later died because of the gunshot wound. The preliminary determination was the victim had been shot with a .22 caliber-round, which struck his heart. Members of the Pawtucket Police Department initiated an investigation and determined that the shooting occurred in the area of 54 Harrison Street. They identified three potential suspects. The Pawtucket Police Department executed a court authorized search warrant at the residence of Suspect 1, 2, and 3 in Pawtucket and located a quantity of crack cocaine. The Pawtucket Police Department obtained extraditable warrants for Suspects 1, 2, and 3 on the narcotics related offenses.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, members of the Pawtucket Police Department requested the assistance of the Rhode Island Violent Fugitive Task Force with locating and arresting Suspects 1, 2, and 3. Additionally, Pawtucket Detectives requested the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Computer Crimes Unit with the forensic analysis of a cellular device

belonging to Suspect 2 that they had seized. The Pawtucket Police Department obtained a court authorized search warrant for the device and Computer Crimes Detectives from the Rhode Island State Police performed the forensic analysis on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

VFTF detectives made exigent requests to obtain cellular phone location information and call detail records on cellular devices belonging to Suspect 1 and 3. The device belonging to Suspect 1 was determined to be deactivated. The device belonging to Suspect 3 was determined to be in Hartford, Connecticut. At approximately 8:00 P.M., Suspect 3 powered off the device and location information was no longer available. The call detail records and relevant cellular site information for Suspect 3's device was interpreted, and historical locations within the City of Hartford, Connecticut were developed. Members of the VFTF sent a collateral fugitive lead to the USMS - Connecticut for investigative assistance. The phone remained off over-night and no further location information was received. USMS - Connecticut responded out on the morning of November 3, 2016 in an attempt to locate Suspect 3.

Records obtained from the analysis performed by Computer Crimes Detectives confirmed information received by the Pawtucket Police Department regarding a potential address in Providence for Suspect 2. The Pawtucket Police Department conducted surveillance at the Providence address during the early morning hours of November 3, 2016 and observed Suspect 1's sister, leave the residence. Pawtucket Police made contact with Suspect 1's sister away from the residence and transported her to their police department for questioning. VFTF members responded to the address in Providence and located Suspect 2 inside the apartment. After questioning by VFTF members, Suspect 2 provided a potential address for Suspect 1 at an address in Pawtucket. Suspect 2 was turned over to the Pawtucket PD for further investigation.

VFTF members responded to the address in Pawtucket and located Suspect 1's brother, and his two minor children. After questioning by VFTF members, Suspect 1's brother admitted that he brought Suspect 1 to a housing complex in Framingham, MA to stay with a female subject that he could only identify as "Melissa". Suspect 1's brother identified her Facebook page. VFTF members were able to positively identify "Melissa". Suspect 1's brother was shown a photograph of an address in Framingham, MA and he identified that as the location where he dropped off Suspect 1. Information was further developed that "Melissa" was Suspect 1's ex-girlfriend and both had contacts with the Framingham, MA Police.

VFTF members responded to Framingham, MA and met with USMS - Boston, MASP VFAS and Framingham, MA Police. While responding to Framingham, MA, VFTF members were advised that Suspect 2 provided a statement, and Murder warrants for Suspect 1 and Suspect 3 were being obtained. Additionally, VFTF members received an update that Suspect 3's phone had been turned on and was located in Hartford, CT. Members of VFTF contacted the USMS - Connecticut and they responded to the area of the phone pings. They located Suspect 3's vehicle in the lot of the Park Plaza Shopping Center on Park Street in the City of Hartford. USMS - Connecticut conducted surveillance and arrested Suspect 3 when she returned to her vehicle. Suspect 3 was turned over to the Hartford Police Department as a Fugitive from Justice.

VFTF members, USMS - Boston, MASP VFAS and Framingham PD responded to the address in Framingham, MA and located Suspect 1 in the basement of the residence. Suspect 1 was taken into custody without incident and turned over to Framingham Police Department as a Fugitive from Justice.

As a result of this investigation, Suspect 1 and 3 were charged with murder by the Pawtucket Police Department. Suspect 2 was charged with Delivery of Cocaine.

UNIT MEMBERS:

Lieutenant Todd D. Neill

Sergeant Timothy J. Dandeneau

Detective Sean P. McGehearty

Detective Ryan M. Santo

Detective Matthew C. Lynch

Detective Christopher Poncia

Detective John Cardone

AUTO THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT

LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. CREAMER

The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit is currently comprised of one (1) lieutenant, one (1) detective, and one (1) civilian investigator. The Unit is presently under the command of Lieutenant Robert A. Creamer, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. During 2016, members also assisted Rhode Island State Police Lieutenant David A. Doucet, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police; who is assigned to serve as the Chief of the Enforcement Section within the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, which includes the Rhode Island Automobile Dealer's License and Regulation Office.

The Unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives of the Division. The Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving theft and unauthorized use of motor vehicles, as well as automobile related insurance fraud. In addition, the unit provides assistance to other units within the Detective Bureau, as well as support to uniform members in areas such as vehicle identification, document authenticity, and investigations that remain at the barracks level.

The Unit also provides support and works as a liaison to investigators within the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicle's Enforcement Division in identifying vehicles through the use of secondary points of identification and with the inspection of vehicles through the state's "salvage inspection" program. The unit acquired a forensic document examiner to assist with document verification and authentication, as the need arises. The Unit provides assistance to both the Insurance and Body Shop/Salvage Divisions within the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (DBR) in the oversight of Automobile Body Shops and Auto Salvage Wrecking Yards.

The Unit serves as the Law Enforcement point of contact for the Fraud Unit within the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT), and is tasked with prosecuting all cases of suspected fraudulent unemployment insurance claims forwarded by the DLT. Members of Unit also work in collaboration with agents from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, as well as other members of Law Enforcement on the local, state, and federal level, by offering support and assistance to those agencies with ongoing criminal investigations.

During 2016, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit conducted a total of one hundred and four (104) investigations which included insurance fraud, possession of stolen motor vehicles/parts, recovered stolen motor vehicles, obtaining money under false pretenses, giving false documents to a public official, making or using false inspection certificates, forgery or counterfeiting registration plates, as well as several additional cases involving other violations of Rhode Island General Laws. These investigations resulted in the arrest of sixty (60) subjects on a variety of charges. Stolen motor vehicle investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of nineteen (19) stolen motor vehicles. Additionally, members of the Unit received a total of seventy-six (76) complaints referred by the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training Unemployment Insurance Fraud Unit, which resulted in the arrest of forty-four (44) individuals who fraudulently collected unemployment insurance benefits from the State of Rhode Island. Of these cases resolved in 2016, restitution in the amount of four hundred eighty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-one (\$482,451.00) dollars was ordered by the courts.

Interesting Investigation

On May 13, 2016, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit initiated an investigation after learning that an individual was at the Division of Motor Vehicles attempting to

register a vehicle reported stolen to the Providence Police on April 24, 2016. The investigation revealed that the subject was attempting to register the New Hampshire titled car for another person to whom he had sold the vehicle and had already collected the money.

It was later learned from the person who reported the Audi stolen that he had purchased the vehicle from an acquaintance, who happened to be the same person that was attempting to register the vehicle. Additional investigation revealed that the suspect originally sold the vehicle to an acquaintance and then stole the vehicle from the residence of that acquaintance using a second key that he never provided to the buyer. The suspect then listed the vehicle for sale on Craigslist and sold it a second time to another buyer. The suspect was attempting to assist this second buyer with registering the vehicle when his plan was foiled. The suspect was charged with Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle and Obtaining Money by False Pretenses and the vehicle was returned to the initial buyer.

Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit Members

<i>Lieutenant:</i>	<i>Robert A. Creamer</i>
<i>Detective:</i>	<i>Adam B. Kennett</i>
<i>Investigator:</i>	<i>Michael Douglas</i>

FORENSIC SERVICE UNIT

LIEUTENANT JOHN H. GRASSEL

The Rhode Island State Police Forensic Service Unit (FSU) is under the command of Lieutenant John H. Grassel, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. FSU is responsible for the processing of crime scenes, providing technical services with criminal investigations, and assisting agencies with forensic investigations. The FSU is the first and only ISO Accredited police crime laboratory in the State of Rhode Island. FSU specialties include: crime scene processing and documentation, which includes Leica 3D scanning capabilities, digital photography, evidence processing, latent print development and comparison, footwear impression development and comparison, blood spatter interpretation, shooting reconstruction and video analysis. The FSU is comprised of: one (1) lieutenant, one (1) sergeant, one (1) corporal, three (3) detectives and one (1) civilian clerk.

Actions taken at the outset of an investigation at a crime scene can play a pivotal role in the resolution of a case. A careful, thorough investigation is the key to ensuring physical evidence is not tainted, destroyed nor overlooked.

The FSU is responsible for the positive identification of all subjects taken into custody, as well as the maintenance of criminal records and the dissemination of arrest information to authorized parties. The FSU provides fingerprinting and background checks to all persons required by State Law to fulfill background check requirements.

Interesting Investigation

On June 13, 2016, the FSU was requested to respond to the Town of Tiverton to document, process and analyze the scenes of a homicide and a related police officer-involved shooting incident. Upon arrival at the scene and after consulting with members of the Tiverton Police Department and the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, it was determined that the FSU would be the lead forensic unit for two (2) investigations.

Earlier that day investigators determined that two men had met at the Pocasset Hill Cemetery in Tiverton. After that meeting, one of the men shot and killed the other individual and subsequently fled the scene to Fall River, Massachusetts.

FSU members photographed, documented the crime scene, victim vehicle and completed 3D scans of the scene and evidence. FSU members additionally attended and documented the autopsy of the victim who was transported to the Massachusetts Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Cape Regional Office in Sandwich, MA. At the FSU laboratory, members further examined the collected evidence to include the victim's clothing. The clothing examination included microscopic analysis as well as chemical (Griess and Sodium Rhodizonate) testing of bullet holes. Because of this analysis, likely correlations of clothing holes to victim injuries were determined.

FSU members also processed and documented the scene of a related police officer-involved shooting incident on Ford Farm Road in Tiverton. The suspect in the cemetery homicide had led Fall River Police Officers on a chase which ended at a residence. Subsequently, the suspect exchanged gunfire with Fall River and Tiverton Police officers before he was fatally wounded during the incident. FSU members also responded to Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, MA to document the suspect and attended his autopsy in Sandwich, MA.

FSU members completed several 3D scans of the Ford Farm Road scene and collected all relevant evidence to include the suspect and officers' weapons. At the FSU laboratory and State Police firing range, FSU members conducted chemical testing on the suspect clothing to determine likely correlation of clothing holes to injuries and documentation of involved weapons to include operability and number of bullets remaining in the weapons/magazines. Several cartridge case ejection tests were performed on the weapons to assist in determining the average distances of the ejected cartridges which subsequently assisted in determining officer locations during the shooting incident. FSU members also performed a detailed trajectory analysis and bullet hole documentation on the suspect vehicle

During these investigations, the FSU provided scene analysis, documentation and search expertise, to include the use of a 3D scan station, laboratory analysis and weapon analysis. These cases reflect the high degree of forensic expertise the FSU possesses and its ability to assist local police departments and the Attorney General's Office with difficult and sensitive forensic investigations.

Forensic Service Unit Members

Lieutenant:	<i>John H. Grassel</i>
Sergeant:	<i>Kenneth D. DeMarco</i>
Corporal:	<i>Matthew P. McGuire</i>
Detective:	<i>Amanda L. Brezniak Melissa A. Giardina Andrian Cybowicz</i>
Civilian:	<i>Peta A. Simpson</i>

PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICER

*SERGEANT CYNTHIA TRAHAN
CORPORAL KEVIN K. KOJOIAN*

Sergeant Cynthia Trahan is a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is charged with the control of found, recovered, and evidentiary property. Sergeant Trahan assumed the role of Division Property Officer on December 12, 2016. Sergeant Trahan is assisted by Corporal Kevin K. Kojoian, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Division. Corporal Kojoian assumed the role of Assistant Property Officer on January 9, 2017. Control of property is critically important within investigative areas and in regards to the proper handling, security, and disposition of evidence. In addition, Sergeant Trahan and Corporal Kojoian provide support for the Detective Bureau, performing administrative functions such as scheduling, conducting and providing assistance on background checks, as well as handling and executing judicial orders to expunge or seal past arrests.

During 2016, the following narcotics and narcotic samples were received from the Rhode Island Department of Health. These narcotics and samples were a result of seizures made by the Uniform and Detective Bureaus and include marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and miscellaneous controlled substances:

Packages from Toxicology: 1215 items

The following is the total number of weapons received from the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of weapons released:

*Weapons Seized: 86 weapons
Weapons Released: 20 weapons*

The following miscellaneous evidence was received from the Uniform and Detective Bureaus. This evidence includes all items that were seized not including weapons.

Miscellaneous: 3411 items

The following evidence was returned. This evidence includes miscellaneous property seized from arrests or offenses.

*Evidence Returned: 83 vehicles
 337 items*

Vehicles seized: 101 vehicles

The following is the amount of evidence that was destroyed:

Evidence Destroyed: 1251 items (miscellaneous and narcotics)

CHARITABLE GAMING UNIT

***MS. PAULINE M. MALEC
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT***

Ms. Pauline M. Malec is the Administrative Assistant for the Charitable Gaming Unit. She has been employed in this position since August 2008. Captain Gerald M. McKinney, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, is the Superintendent's current designee in charge of the Charitable Gaming Unit.

Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activity conducted in Rhode Island. At present, raffles and bingos are the only games allowed. The Charitable Gaming Unit serves citizens from all walks of life. For many, it is the only contact they have with the Rhode Island State Police. Most charitable and non-profit organizations in Rhode Island have had contact with this Unit.

Ms. Malec is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events. She provides assistance to applicants with the process. She answers questions and provides information to the general public, as well as other State agencies, local police departments and members of the legal community. All raffle applications require dual approval from the Chief of Police in the city / town where the drawing is to be held and the State Police. The Charitable Gaming Unit works closely with all local police departments. All organizations authorized to conduct a raffle must file a financial report with the State Police after the event is held. During 2016, there were one thousand three hundred and twelve (1,312) authorizations granted to charitable and / or non-profit organizations to conduct raffles.

The amount of money wagered on bingo in Rhode Island has fallen dramatically since the opening of legal gaming casinos. This decrease in income reflects a trend that is going on nationwide. The number of organizations conducting weekly bingo in our State has dropped significantly, from sixty-five (65) in 1990 to fourteen (14) in 2016. The General Assembly attempted to remedy this situation by increasing the amount of money that could be awarded as prizes; in 1998 it was increased from four thousand two hundred and fifty (\$4,250) dollars to six thousand and fifty (\$6,050) dollars per night, and in July 2005 the General Assembly increased the amount of money to be awarded in prizes during bingo to seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500) dollars per night. Consequently, most charitable organizations do not take in the gross receipts needed to pay out seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500) dollars in prizes per night. In 2016, there were sixty-six (66) authorizations for senior citizens' recreational bingo which is conducted on a regular basis and thirty-two (32) authorizations for recreational or one-time special bingo games. Altogether, one hundred and twelve (112) authorizations were granted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations to conduct bingo in 2016.

Charitable Gaming information, applications and forms are available to the public online on the State Police website (www.risp.ri.gov/cgu). Citizens' response to this new avenue of information and service has been tremendously positive, as many citizens now log onto the Charitable gaming web page.

Revenue from charitable gaming activity is not taxed in Rhode Island, as it is in most other states. A five-dollar (\$5.00) application fee is levied on each application.

GAMING ENFORCEMENT UNIT

LIEUTENANT GERALD M. MCKINNEY

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Rhode Island State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit (GEU) is committed to ensuring the integrity of Rhode Island's gaming industry. The Gaming Enforcement Unit protects the State of Rhode Island, Twin River Casino, Newport Grand, their respective employees, patrons, and the public, by ensuring that gaming and non-gaming activities are free from criminal activities and corruptive elements."

The Gaming Enforcement Unit will accomplish its mission by identifying contemporary, professional, and ethical enforcement initiatives. The Gaming Enforcement Unit works diligently and cooperatively with the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (DBR), and the Rhode Island Lottery (RILOT). To this end, the Gaming Enforcement Unit in cooperation with the Department of Business Regulation and Rhode Island Lottery, is tasked with the following four components: Corporate/Vendor Background Investigations, Employee Background Investigations, Criminal Enforcement/Investigations, and Intelligence. These four (4) distinct components, working together, provide a comprehensive approach to ensuring the integrity of the gaming industry in the State of Rhode Island.

Corporate/Vendor Background Investigations - *To limit Rhode Island's exposure to organizations and individuals that seek to engage in criminal or other nefarious activities within the gaming industry, the Gaming Enforcement Unit conducts thorough investigations of every corporation and vendor doing business with the gaming industry in Rhode Island.*

Employee Background Investigations - *To limit Rhode Island's exposure to organizations and individuals that seek to engage in criminal or other nefarious activities within the gaming industry, the Gaming Enforcement Unit conducts thorough investigations of every prospective and current employee within the gaming industry of Rhode Island.*

Criminal Enforcement/Investigations - *The Gaming Enforcement Unit is comprised of Detectives of the Rhode Island State Police, all with wide-ranging investigative capabilities. This provides for an extensive array of investigative experience to maintain the gaming industry's integrity, as well as enforcement of all violations of the General Laws of Rhode Island.*

Intelligence - *The third component of the Gaming Enforcement Unit, intelligence, is committed to gathering pertinent information from multiple sources and developing actionable plans to facilitate effective and efficient policing activities.*

The Gaming Enforcement Unit is presently under the command of Lieutenant Gerald M. McKinney, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is presently comprised of the following rank structure: one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, and five (5) Detectives.

During the 2016 calendar year, members of the Gaming Enforcement Unit made fifty-six (56) arrests that included the criminal charges of casino cheating, willful trespass, vandalism, larceny, usury, possession of controlled substance, counterfeit currency, fraud, embezzlement, and money laundering. The Gaming Enforcement Unit investigated or assisted in six hundred and ninety-three

(693) separate incidents and/or complaints. The primary focus of the Gaming Enforcement Unit is related to conducting background investigations on applicants seeking employment at the Twin River Casino and protecting the integrity of the casino gaming operations. Members of the Unit work daily with members of the Rhode Island Lottery concerning various criminal investigations as well as assisting State, Local, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies with various criminal investigations and the sharing of intelligence gathered by the Gaming Enforcement Unit.

Interesting Investigation

In July of 2015, Members of the Gaming Enforcement Unit began an eight (8) month long undercover operation. The investigation was a result of a complaint by a Twin River Casino patron involving the repayment of a loan. The patron identified an individual that provided loans which required payments at a usury level (High Interest).

Thus, the Gaming Enforcement Unit with the assistance of the Massachusetts State Police and the Rhode Island Lottery initiated an undercover operation into the suspected criminal activity occurring at Twin River Casino. During this eight (8) month long investigation, the undercover officer was able to obtain numerous loans from the main target which required the repayment of the loans at a rate of interest equivalent to usury. In addition, using video surveillance and the undercover officer, two (2) additional targets were identified as individuals working in conjunction with the main target to provide loans to patrons within the casino on an almost daily basis.

In June of 2016, members of the Gaming Enforcement Unit arrested three (3) individuals from Lowell, Massachusetts on the following criminal charges; loan Broker Without License, conspiracy to commit usury, conspiracy to launder monetary instruments, and criminal conspiracy. In addition, approximately twenty-eight thousand, two hundred (\$28,200) dollars was seized from the defendants at the time of the arrest.

Gaming Enforcement Unit Members

Lieutenant Gerald M. McKinney is the Officer-in-Charge of the Gaming Enforcement Unit. The sworn members assigned to the unit are Sergeant Richard D. Ptaszek; Detective Ernest E. Adams; Detective Brendan R. Doyle; Detective Robert P. Laurelli; Detective Lawens Fevrier; and Detective Andrew R. Emerson.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAJOR ROBERT S. WALL

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Mrs. Melissa M. Ford

Major Robert S. Wall is a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and serves as the Executive Administrative Officer. Major Wall is responsible for personnel and fiscal management of the Division's ninety-seven million (\$97,000,000) dollar budget. The Executive Administrative Officer also provides oversight to the Central Management Office (CMO) as well as supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Division's administrative units. The Executive Administrative Officer acts as a liaison with the Rhode Island Troopers' Association and civilian unions pertaining to the concerns of sworn and civilian personnel.

Several Capital Improvement projects were nearing completion in 2016, starting with the refurbishment of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, as well as, a six (6) bay garage that was constructed on the east side of the Public Safety Complex. This garage will be used to store the Division's specialty vehicles, motorcycles, and State Police vans. These, along with several other projects that are in the planning and development phase, are being coordinated under the direction of the Capital Projects Manager, Sergeant Richard D. Swanson, Jr.

Additionally, the Management Information Systems Unit (MIS), Technical Services Unit, Radio Bureau, and Central Management Office all fall under the command of the Chief Administrative Officer. The Management Information Systems Unit keeps all the computer systems for the Rhode Island State Police up and running for our members who work day and night. The Technical Services Unit has been very busy taking on new initiatives which the Rhode Island law enforcement community can benefit from; the technology that is currently available. Through the Technical Services Unit, the Division hosts the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS). To supplement the Technology and Communications Unit, the Radio Bureau keeps all the barracks, vehicles, and infrastructure up and running so communication is always available.

Finally, the Executive Administrative Officer oversees the Division's Fleet. Much of our aging fleet was replaced in 2015 with the use of federal forfeiture funds. In addition, several specialty vehicles were purchased through grant funding in 2016 to include the purchase of a specially designed sport utility vehicle to be used in the enforcement efforts for motorists that operate a vehicle while using mobile devices. This is part of the Division's overall mission to reduce the number of traffic fatalities that occur on the state's roadways.

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UNIT

MAJOR CHRISTOPHER J. DICOMITIS

Major Christopher J. Dicomitis is a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division and is responsible for evaluating the operation of the Division, as well as periodic inspections of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel and investigative procedures. The Inspectional Services Unit is charged with reviewing current Division-wide operations, practices, policies and procedures against mandatory and non-mandatory CALEA, (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) standards. This review ensures that any identified deficiencies are addressed accordingly to satisfy the standard, and to make certain the Division will continue to operate efficiently to maintain its prestigious accredited status.

In November of 2014, the Division was formally re-accredited by CALEA. The Division not only was successfully re-accredited, but once again earned the prestigious distinction of "Accreditation with Excellence Award" formally referred to as a Flagship Agency for the 4th consecutive re-accreditation cycle. With this most recent accreditation, CALEA utilized its "Gold Standard Assessment" which is the strictest accreditation standard offered by CALEA. This accomplishment instills a sense of pride for Division Members and the Rhode Island citizens we serve.

Major Dicomitis serves as the Division's Legislative Liaison where he works with the General Assembly and Governor's Office, as well as other State Agencies to ensure that the Division's position on legislative initiatives is effectively presented.

Community Outreach Liaison is another role that falls within the Inspectional Services Unit. Major Dicomitis and other members of the Division work with such organizations as Project Night Vision, Hispanic Ministerial Association of Rhode Island, The Center for Southeast Asians, Multi-Service Center for All, Crossroads Rhode Island, Family Service of Rhode Island, Mount Hope Neighborhood Association, The African Alliance, The Chad Brown Alumni Association and many others to foster relationships and address the needs of the communities that The Rhode Island State Police serve.

The year 2016 was another productive and fulfilling year for the Division in Community Outreach with over two hundred and three (203) events attended. In September 2016, over twelve hundred (1,200) backpacks filled with school supplies were collected and distributed by Troopers and other Law Enforcement partners to inner city youths through the annual "Kid's, Cop's and Classroom" event. In December 2016, over four thousand (4,000) toys were collected and distributed by Troopers and other Law Enforcement partners to needy children through the annual "Kids, Cop's and Christmas" event. The Division also continued participating in the "Texting, It Can Wait" presentation with the Rhode Island Attorney General. To date over twenty thousand (20,000) students from various high schools have received the "Texting, It Can Wait" message.

PLANNING, RESEARCH & ACCREDITATION UNIT

*SERGEANT LAURIE LUDOVICI
TROOPER MEREDITH L. ZENOWICH
TROOPER WILLIAM C. CORSON
TROOPER KRYSTAL D. CARVALHO*

*UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR)
MRS. LINDA L. FRACCOLA*

*SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE SECTION
MS. ALLISON L. O'CONNOR*

Sergeant Laurie Ludovici is assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Unit with three (3) Troopers and two (2) Civilians assigned. Sergeant Ludovici has been a member of the Division for nineteen (19) years and has served in both the Patrol and Detective Bureau.

The Planning, Research & Accreditation Unit conducts research, collects and compiles statistical information, and prepares documents on law enforcement related issues to enhance the operational and administrative capabilities of Division. In addition, the unit responds to inquiries from law enforcement agencies, represents the Division on various national, state, and local organizations and committees regarding law enforcement and highway safety issues, organizes and coordinates Division functions and events, and manages the Division Internship Program.

In a constant effort to improve highway safety, the Planning, Research & Accreditation Unit works closely with the Department of Transportation Highway Safety office on initiatives to support the State of Rhode Island's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The unit oversees the coordination of all overtime assignments to include Speed-Aggressive Driving, Distracted Driving, Seatbelt enforcement, Underage Drinking and Alcohol Compliance, and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols. Another essential aspect of the Division's highway safety efforts is education and outreach. Educational efforts are intended to get the various highway safety messages to the appropriate audience. These messages include child occupant protection, seat belt use, teen driving, distracted driving, and impaired driving.

In November of 1992, the Rhode Island State Police made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation status under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Inc. The Planning, Research & Accreditation Unit coordinates the preparation, revision and editing of all policies, procedures, directives, and practices to satisfy standards promulgated by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC).

The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit oversees the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) which is staffed by a full-time civilian Operations Manager. The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies. The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit also oversees the Social Media Section which is staffed by a full-time civilian who maintains and continually updates content for ten (10) Rhode Island Department of Public Safety websites. The Social Media Section coordinates with local and state agencies to provide real-time information to the public via social media outlets during emergency situations.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT

MRS. LINDA L. FRACCOLA

Mrs. Linda L. Fraccola is the Operations Manager for the Rhode Island State Police and has served with the State Police for thirty (30) years. She is responsible for the statewide operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) and is the crime collection liaison between local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The UCR System is the State's crime system, which is mandated by Rhode Island General Law to assemble uniform offense and arrest data from local and state law enforcement agencies, in a form prescribed by the Superintendent.

The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a detailed nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the Country.

With receipt of data covering thirty-nine (39) reporting jurisdictions within the State of Rhode Island, the difficulty of attaining uniformity is clear. It is the standard operating procedure to examine incoming reports for mathematical accuracy and completeness, and perhaps, of even greater importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of error. Regardless of the extent of the statistical verification process used by the UCR Unit, the accuracy of the data assembled under this system depends on the sincere effort exerted by each contributor to meet the necessary standards.

"Crime in Rhode Island" can be downloaded from the Rhode Island State Police home page at www.risp.ri.gov, by navigating to the Crime Statistics Link.

TRAINING ACADEMY

SERGEANT KENNETH D. JONES

The Training Academy is under the command of Sergeant Kenneth D. Jones, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. Sergeant Kenneth D. Jones is assisted by Trooper Karlene A. McTaggart, a five (5) year veteran, they are responsible for all training activities and a Firearms Training Unit consisting of Sergeant Mark W. Gilson, a nineteen (19) year veteran.

The Training Academy is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster. The Training Academy is responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Instruction School, all in-service training for members of the Division, firearms training for the members the Rhode Island Department of Sheriffs, Rhode Island Capitol Police, Rhode Island State Fire Marshals, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers.

The Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division. These functions include conducting career awareness programs at many area high schools and colleges in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police. They also participate in community outreach programs.

In 2016, the Division graduated twenty-six (26) recruits from the Training Academy. Upon graduation from the academy, the newly sworn Troopers then entered the Field Training Officer Program, which pairs them with an experienced, "seasoned" Trooper. All twenty-six (26) newly appointed Troopers successfully completed the Field Training Officer Program, and have now joined the existing rank and file to protect and serve the citizens of the State of Rhode Island.

In 2016, the Training Academy held its second Diversity Trooper Academy. The academy consisted of six (6), three (3) hour session with one session per week. The goal of hosting this academy was to promote and enhance the relationship between the community and the Rhode Island State Police. This was done by way of physical fitness training, classroom instruction and discussion designed to provide a better understanding of the Rhode Island State Police culture, with a goal of increasing diversity within the Rhode Island State Police.

In 2016, the Training Academy held its fifth Citizen's Trooper Academy. The academy consisted of six (6), three (3) hour sessions with one session per week. The goal of hosting this academy was to demonstrate various components of training that Troopers are provided and to educate community members on the roles and responsibilities of the Rhode Island State Police.

In 2016, the Division continued its mandatory In-Service training program. The In-Service training program is designed to provide sworn members with all mandatory training courses in three (3) phases facilitated throughout the calendar year. Phase I was nine (9) hours of training consisting of; Legal Updates, Deconfliction, Fusion Center Updates, Public Order Platoon/Response to Resistance and Use of Force/Taser Re-certification; Phase II was twelve (12) hours consisting of DWI Re-certification and Annual Firearms Qualification; Phase III was twelve (12) hours consisting of Mental Health for First Responders, Bias Based Policing, Evidence Collection, Accreditation Reporting and Firearms Qualification to include Night Firearms Qualification. The Training Academy continued an on-line training program that included Usual Occurrences/All Hazards Plan, Smart Shot Camera System and First Aid Bloodborne Pathogens.

The Training Academy also completed a recruitment strategies and recommendation plan to identify and recruit qualified individuals from diverse backgrounds, with an emphasis on minority and female populations.

The Training Academy's goal is to ensure that the Rhode Island State Police remain at the forefront of law enforcement training in order to serve and protect the citizens of the State.

RADIO SERVICES

MR. THOMAS CROTTY
DIRECTOR

MR. ROBERT P. GODIN: ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

The Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit maintains the operation and enhancement of the Rhode Island State Police's Wide Area Network. This network encompasses the entire state, consisting of five (5) barracks, the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) Headquarters building, the RISP Training Academy, and various remote locations. The Unit manages many types of computing systems, all integrated to work towards the common goal of delivering information to Division members.

The MIS Unit continued this year with its upgrading of computer systems and software such as the Tri-tech IMC RMS system. The updates will enhance the ability of the department to retrieve and input data throughout the division wide system. Also, in order to protect the assets, the unit continues to explore more techniques and technology to protect the network from intrusion as well as invest in the ability to improve the efficiency of servicing trouble tickets by utilizing a new help desk database as well as remote access system enabling less time spent traveling to the problem and understanding the needs of the caller.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

***MR. JAMES SHEA
DIRECTOR***

***MS. CAROL A. LABOSSIERE, MR. RAFAEL A. TEJADA, MR. GLENN G.
LAWRENCE, MR. RICHARD A. BLAINE, MR. CHRISTOPHER KAYROUZ***

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RILETS/NCIC CONTROL SECTION

*MISS JOAN M. COLLINS
SUPERVISOR*

Miss Joan M. Collins is the supervisor of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) / Telecommunications Unit. She has served with the State Police for twenty-four (24) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in November of 1992. Miss Collins is the America's Missing: Broadcasting Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Web Portal Administrator, Missing Senior Citizen Web Portal Administrator, and performs the work of the RILETS / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Quality Assurance Unit.

Training is provided to all Rhode Island police departments on AMBER Alerts, Missing Senior Citizen Alerts, NCIC Validation and Compliance, and use of the NCIC, NLETS, and RILETS systems.

Several AMBER Alert awareness events were held during the year, hosted by Rhode Island State Police and with the assistance of the Computer Crimes/Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, providing Child Identification kits to parents to be used in the event their child is reported missing or abducted.

The RILETS / Telecommunications Unit operates twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days a year. The Unit provides access to several databases containing information collected by criminal justice agencies that is needed in law enforcement functions including: wanted person information; missing person information; unidentified person information; stolen property information; criminal history information; information on identifiable individuals compiled in an effort to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity; vehicle registrations, driver's licenses and more. The fundamental information and support provided by the Unit is essential for the safety of the Troopers and other police officers.

Assistance is provided to municipal police departments, state, and federal agencies, concerning policies and procedures for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), and Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) systems. The Unit also assists the agencies with any problems that they may encounter with the systems, including hardware or software concerns and frame relay failures. In addition, the Unit monitors and directs both incoming and outgoing interstate message traffic to ensure that they are properly formatted and directed to the correct destinations.

The Unit is responsible for maintaining affidavit and arrest warrants for the State Police, conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches, processing the monthly NCIC validations, creating, editing, and activating AMBER Alerts via the AMBER Alert web portal, creating, editing, activating Missing Senior Citizen Alerts via the Rhode Island Broadcaster's Silver Alert web portal, obtaining out-of-state criminal history information for authorized state programs, and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations. After normal business hours for RI DMV, the unit assisted with seven hundred and seventy-seven (777) requests for license, identification card or registration information.

During the past calendar year, the Unit performed hundreds of thousands of requests for computer checks for Division members. These checks resulted in three hundred and seventeen (317)

confirmed NCIC hits and two thousand, three hundred and forty-seven (2347) confirmed hits from the Rhode Island state files.

Unit Staff

*Ms. Susan E. Walsh Ms. Allison Monteiro
Ms. Joanne Greenleaf (transferred to another state agency October 2016)*

*Newest Members – began in July of 2016
Mr. Jack Chan Mr. Justin S. Salvatore
Ms. Mary Beth Adams*

TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT

***MR. WILLIAM K. GUY
DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS***

***MR. GORDON P. ROBERTS
MR. STEPHEN R. FRIEDRICH***

The Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is comprised of a dedicated team of employees who support a variety of technical and telecommunications services providing vital data to the law enforcement community throughout the state. William Guy, who has served with the State Police for sixteen (16) years is the Technical Services Unit Director.

At the heart of the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS), which provides network services and data access to law enforcement officers statewide. The RILETS network connects to seventy (70) criminal justice agencies within the state, providing a vital link to local, state, regional and national criminal justice data resources. Drivers' license information, motor vehicle registration information, criminal history and wanted persons' checks are among some of the data elements provided by the RILETS network to the law enforcement community. The RILETS network support and help desk services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

RILETS provides connectivity to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) national network located in West Virginia and the NLETS International Justice and Public Safety national network located in Arizona.

An important component of the RILETS network is the management of several statewide data sharing interfaces:

Crash Report Interface – *The Crash Report Interface facilitates the transfer of crash report data from law enforcement agencies throughout the state to the Department of Transportation's Crash Repository over the RILETS network.*

J Link Interface – *The J Link Interface provides for the exchange of arrest and disposition data between the courts and all Rhode Island police agencies over the RILETS network.*

Citation Interface – *The Citation Interface provides for the exchange of citations and citation disposition data between law enforcement agencies and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal over the RILETS network.*

Cross-Agency Interface – *The Cross-Agency Interface provides for the exchange of name and vehicle data between police agencies over the RILETS network.*

Department of Motor Vehicles Interface – *The Department of Motor Vehicles Interface provides Rhode Island driver and vehicle data to police officers in Rhode Island and nationwide.*

Criminal History Interface – *The Criminal History Interface provides access to Rhode Island criminal history data, from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to law enforcement agencies within Rhode Island and nationwide.*

In addition to the RILETS network, the Technical Services Unit is responsible for all Rhode Island State Police internal telecommunications services. Telephone services and data circuits are managed and supported by the Technical Services Unit.

The Technical Services Unit also provides project management services for many of the technology related projects initiated by the Rhode Island State Police.

Major Robert S. Wall, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Division, is the Officer-in-Charge of Technology and Communications for the Rhode Island State Police. Major Wall oversees the operation of the Technical Services Unit in addition to the Radio Services Unit and the Management Information Systems Unit.

FLEET OFFICER/SUPPLY UNIT

LIEUTENANT SEAN P. O'HERN

***ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLY OFFICER:
MRS. LINDA K. SLADER***

Lieutenant Sean P. O'Hern is a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division and oversees the Division's Fleet and Supply Unit. One of the functions of this Unit is to monitor and maintain the Division's Performance Appraisal Management System. All Performance Appraisals are submitted to this office annually.

The Fleet office also processes all uniform requests and handles equipment distribution and tracking. Moreover, the office ensures that the Division is properly equipped and complies with the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards pertaining to equipment, vehicles, and record keeping.

As the Division Fleet Officer, Lieutenant O'Hern's responsibilities include ordering new vehicles, monitoring Fleet maintenance, approving major repairs, registration renewal, auto body repair, ordering tires, gas cards, completing monthly and yearly mileage reports, and the data entry of all maintenance performed. As of January 2017, the Division has three hundred and twenty-seven (327) vehicles assigned to the Rhode Island State Police.

CANINE UNIT

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The Canine Unit is currently under the Office of Special Operations, overseen by Captain Matthew Moynihan, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division, supervised by the Canine Unit Commander, Lieutenant Erik Jones, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division; and coordinated by the Canine Coordinator, Corporal Scott Carlsten, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. The Canine Unit is comprised of seventeen (17) sworn members and sixteen (16) canines.

This unit has the capability of offering a wide range of services. Those services include: utility/patrol service, search and rescue, narcotics detection, explosive detection, human remains detection, electronic storage device detection and accelerant detection. Three (3) Troopers are also trained in Search Management.

Our canine teams are utilized regularly by the Department and frequently assist federal, state and local law enforcement throughout the region.

Canine Unit members participated in an annual certification where each team successfully certified within their respective disciplines. The teams are certified within the standards of New England State Police Administrator's Compact (NESPAC), the International Police Work Dog Association (IPWDA), and the American Police Canine Association (APCA).

K9 team members from the towns of Central Falls, Narragansett, New Shoreham, and North Smithfield also participated in our bi-monthly in-service training sessions and annual certifications. This training expands our ability to provide this much needed service throughout the State, within this highly specialized field.

From July through September of 2016, two new canines / handlers attended a ten (10) week Patrol School which was conducted in state and instructed by one NESPAC Trainer and one Assistant Trainer. At the conclusion of this school, the two new NESPAC Patrol certified canines were added to our roster of Patrol Canines.

From November through December of 2016, three new handlers, two new canines, and one previously trained canine attended a six (6) week NESPAC Narcotics Detection school. The school was conducted in state and instructed by one NESPAC Trainer. At the conclusion of this school, the three (3) NESPAC certified canines were added to our roster of Narcotics Detection Canines.

In September of 2016, the Department sent one Adjutant Trainer to the American Police Canine Association "National Workshop" held in New Haven, Indiana. While at the Nationals, this Trooper shadowed Master Trainers in Patrol and Explosives Detection trainings and certifications. At the conclusion of this training, this Trooper attained his certification in Patrol and Explosives Detection Trainer with the APCA.

In October of 2016, the Department sent one (1) NESPAC Trainer to the International Police Work Dog Association (IPWDA) "National Workshop" held at the Sevier County Fairgrounds in Sevierville, TN. This Trainer served as IPWDA Master Trainer for approximately twenty (20) Canine Teams, conducting trainings and certifications in Search and Rescue and Human remains detection, under the International Police Work Dog Association standards.

During the course of the year, members of the unit with the assistance of their K9's investigated the following:

Forty-nine (49) narcotics searches were conducted, with seizures of approximately five hundred and six (506) ounces of Marijuana, twelve (12) grams of Cocaine, fifty (50) grams of Heroin and six hundred and seventy-eight (678) grams of Methamphetamine. Additionally, two (2) separate handguns were located as a result of the canines. A combined total of one hundred forty-six thousand, three hundred and eighteen (\$146,318) dollars of US Currency was also seized as a result of these investigations.

One hundred and twenty-two (122) explosive detection searches were conducted with negative results. The explosive detection canines were instrumental in assuring secure and safe environments during large scale events and called-in threats, thus shielding personnel and the public from possible danger.

Thirty-five (35) patrol service calls resulting in five (5) criminal apprehensions.

Six (6) missing person searches resulted in a two (2) persons found who were lost or missing on land. Nine (9) searches for human remains resulted in one (1) body recovered.

Forty (40) Accelerant Detection and twenty-eight (28) Electronic Storage Device Detection searches resulted in numerous pieces of evidence seized related to crimes.

Twenty-nine (29) public speaking / K9 demonstrations took place during the year.

Interesting Investigation

On May 28, 2016 Troopers with canines responded to assist West Greenwich Police at the Alton Jones Camp Area with an assault complaint, which subsequently resulted in a homicide to an area homeowner. Responding Officers were unable to apprehend the suspect, even after several deployments of the Taser and OC Spray. A Trooper deployed his canine and after a brief struggle, involving several targeted bites, the suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Canine Unit Personnel

<i>Lieutenant Erik W. Jones</i>	<i>Canine Commander NESPAC Trainer (Patrol/Narcotics)</i>
<i>Corporal Scott R. Carlsten</i>	<i>Canine Coordinator NESPAC Trainer (Search and Rescue / Human Remains Detection) IPWDA Master Trainer (Search and Rescue / Human Remains Detection) K-9 Odin, German Shepherd Dog Patrol / Human Remains Detection</i>
<i>Corporal Peter A. Filuminia</i>	<i>K-9 Nico, Rottweiler Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Luke R. Brisson</i>	<i>K-9 Gump, German Shepherd Dog Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>

<i>Detective Sean P. McGehearty</i>	<i>K-9 Bane, Belgian Malinois Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Daniel W. Gazzola</i>	<i>K-9 Rex, Belgian Malinois Patrol / Explosives / Gun Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Charles A. Bergeron</i>	<i>K-9 Zeus, Labrador Retriever mix Search and Rescue / Human Remains Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Daniel S. O'Neil</i>	<i>K-9 Ruby, Belgian Malinois mix Search and Rescue / Human Remains Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Sean F. Pasley</i>	<i>K-9 Tao, German Shepherd Dog Patrol / Explosives / Gun Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Lisa M. Hanley</i>	<i>K-9 Annie, Yellow Labrador Retriever Explosives / Gun Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Louis Fiorenzano</i>	<i>K-9 Nick, German Shepherd Dog Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Detective Adam J. Houston</i>	<i>K-9 Thoreau, Yellow Labrador Electronic Storage Device Detection</i>
<i>Detective Stephen W. Vinton</i>	<i>K-9 Nacoma, Yellow Labrador Accelerant Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Justin B. Andreozzi</i>	<i>K-9 Riggs, German Shepherd Dog Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Andrew G. Elsing</i>	<i>K9 King, Belgian Malinois Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper James A. D'Angelo</i>	<i>K9 Chuck, Belgian Malinois Patrol / Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Damien T. Maddox</i>	<i>K-9 Sam, German Shepherd Dog Patrol/Explosives/Gun Detection</i>

MARINE UNIT/DIVE TEAM

SERGEANT SIMON CHING YU LIU

The Division Marine Unit is under the command of Sergeant Simon Ching Yu Liu, a twenty-two (22) veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Marine Unit consists of eleven (11) members, who are certified divers through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI), National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), Scuba Diving International (SDI) or Emergency Response Diving International (ERDI). All members are capable of conducting underwater/coastal inspections and searches for evidence. Three (3) members of the unit are also certified boat operators who have successfully attended and passed a forty (40) hour advance patrol boat operator's course instructed by members of the Massachusetts State Police and the United States Coast Guard. In 2014, the Marine Unit began enrolling members of the Marine Unit in OUPV (Operators of Uninspected Passenger Vessels)/Boat Captain License courses. The goal is to have all members licensed as boat captains.

Rhode Island has numerous bodies of water located throughout the State, over four hundred (400) miles of coast line bordering the Atlantic Ocean. As such, the Rhode Island State Police operates a Marine Unit to handle all manners of incidents and investigations requiring entry into the water. The unit operates a twenty-seven (27) foot Safe Boat, which is also used for marine patrol, Boating Under the Influence (BUI) enforcement, inspections, escorts, and security for large-scale events. In addition, the Marine Unit also utilizes a sixteen (16) foot inflatable boat and an eighteen (18) foot rigid hull inflatable boat, which are especially useful in shallow water situations and searches. In January 2014, the Rhode Island State Police Marine Unit took delivery of a state of the art Dive Command Vehicle, capable of supporting extended dive operations.

During 2016, the Dive Team conducted eleven (11) dive missions and completed twenty-one (21) training days throughout the year. From July through Labor Day, members of the Marine Unit run marine patrols that focuses on safety inspections and operators who may be Boating While Intoxicated. These patrols occur primarily on the weekends and at various locations throughout Narragansett Bay and Block Island Sound.

The Rhode Island State Police continues to recognize the necessity of maintaining and equipping the Marine Unit to assist Division members, and other federal state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the State. Based on the continued need dictated by the state's waterways and coastline and the success of its missions, the Marine Unit will continue to be a priority for the Division well into the foreseeable future.

Marine Unit Members

Sergeant: Simon C. Liu

Corporals: Mark J. Perotti, David M. Gormly

Troopers: John J. Gadrow, Sean M. Crowley, Roupen Bastajian, Andrew L. Carter, Robert J. Twitchell Jr., Andrew G. Elsing, Jason J. Muccino, Dimitrius J. Palmer

HONOR GUARD UNIT

TROOPER ROUPEN BASTAJIAN

The Honor Guard Unit is under the command of Trooper Roupen Bastajian, a seven (7) year veteran of the Division, who reports directly to Captain Matthew C. Moynihan, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police; the Division "A" Commander. The Rhode Island State Police Honor Guard Unit is comprised of forty-one (41) dedicated Troopers. Members routinely escort the National, State and Division flags on ceremonial occasions and at official state functions. In the calendar year 2016, the Honor Guard Unit represented the Division in forty (40) events, such as parades, funerals and opening ceremonies. The Honor Guard Unit has gained a high level of respect and recognition throughout the New England region and will continue to maintain the high standards that have earned them an exceptional reputation.

Unit Members

Amanda L. Brezniak, Daniel S. O'Neil, Lawens Fevrier, William C. Corson, Roupen Bastajian, Ruth C. Hernandez, Adrian Cybowicz, Jared J. Andrews, Andrew G. Elsing, Nicholas J. Martin, James A. D'Angelo, Jason J. Muccino, Damien T. Maddox, Brent C. Wilks, Amy M. Jackman, Krystal D. Carvalho, Benjamin R. Sternberg, Michael A. Kane, Carlos J. Lorenzo, Charles A. Chadsey, Brendan P. Degnan, Kyle R. Kells, Kyle S. Vinton, James J. Hudson, Seth C. Whitford, Juan M. Coronado, Kristen M. Carr, Brendan T. Morgan, Scott T. Potter, Nicholas P. Ryan, Corey D. Sheehan, Jake A. Hesford, Patrick T. Sarasin, Colby A. Clarke, Dean R. Marr, Corey A. Hopkins, Michael A. Colasante, Lauren E. Lanoie, Craig A. Stinson, Andrew B. Philling, Michael J. Farias.

MOTORCYCLE UNIT

LIEUTENANT ERNEST P. MCKENNEY

The Rhode Island State Police Motorcycle Unit is currently commanded by Lieutenant Ernest P. McKenney, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division. The unit is comprised of twelve (12) members that utilizes four (4) 2014 and two (2) 2007 Harley Davidson FLHTP Electra Glide Police Motorcycles for patrol in heavy traffic areas, beach traffic, special functions and on occasion; routine patrol when staffing levels permit. The motorcycles were also used for the following details in 2016: The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Annual Aquidneck Island National Police Parade in Newport, three (3) funeral escort details, Vice President Joe Biden escort detail, 2016 Annual Air Show, Memorial Ride escort detail and a static display at Headquarters for the RISP Museum Foundation Fundraiser. Additionally, three (3) new troopers were sent and successfully passed the Motorcycle Certification Course. The Motorcycle Unit may be used on any other occasion deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent. All Motorcycle Unit members have successfully completed a highly skilled two (2) week police motorcycle operator's course and a three (3) day re-certification.

Motorcycle Unit Members

Lt. Colonel: Joseph F. Philbin

Captain: John C. Alfred

Lieutenants: Ernest P. McKenney and Peter J. Chabot

Sergeant: Simon Ching Yu Liu

Corporals: Peter A. Filuminia, Anthony K. Commendatore, and John J. Gadrow

Troopers: Marcin D. Ferenc, Garrett S. Hassett, Jason J. Muccino, and Ian J. Andrade

TACTICAL TEAM 2016

SERGEANT DAVID T. BASSIGNANI

The Rhode Island State Police Tactical Team has a long-established tradition of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. The Tactical Team was under the command of Sergeant David T. Bassignani, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. The Tactical Team was designed for situations where traditional police response is likely to prove insufficient.

In 2016, the Tactical Team continued to train at a high level of expertise in many areas, to include; hostage rescue, officer down rescue, barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, large structure and building clearing, woodland/open area searches, canine tracks, dignitary protection, and active shooter scenarios. The Tactical Team assisted local police departments with firearms and active shooter training, executing search and arrest warrants, assisting Division members with in-service training dealing with firearms proficiency, patrol rifle and officer safety issues. Tactical Team members also volunteered their time with parade and public relations details. Additionally, several Tactical Team members serve as instructors/cadre throughout the year at NESPAC approved Tactical schools.

Each Tactical Team member has completed New England State Police (NESPAC) approved training in Basic SWAT, Advanced SWAT, Basic and Advance Sniper, and Mechanical Breaching. Team Leaders also continued to meet monthly with NESPAC SWAT teams to exchange training ideas. Eleven (11) new members passed the selection process in March and completed both the NESPAC Basic SWAT School and NESPAC Advanced SWAT School which took place at the Massachusetts State Police Training Facility in New Braintree, MA. Finally, seven (7) members were sent to Anniston, Alabama for the Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Team Training.

The Tactical Team continues to work closely with the Division Canine Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, and local police agencies. Additionally, State Police Tactical Team Snipers continually train and assist local police agencies.

In 2016, the Tactical Team completed two hundred (200) hours of training and was utilized for two (2) high-risk search warrants and five (5) barricaded situations.

Tactical Team Members

Team Commander: Sergeant David T. Bassignani

Asst. Team Commander Corporal Thomas G. Chabot Jr.

Sergeants: Thomas E. Jaques and Edward L. Viera Jr.

Troopers: Nicholas P. Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Shawn P. Slade, Ernest E. Adams, Robert P. Laurelli, Michael Reynolds III, Adam B. Kennett, Sean M. Crowley, Ryan M. Santo, Andrew R. Emerson, Robert B. Marchand, Amoncio A. DaCruz, Erik R. Jensen, Robert J. Twitchell Jr., Benjamin R. Sternberg, Christopher E. D'Angelo, Michael A. Kane, Jeremy J. Gaucher, Charles A. Chadsey, Seth C. Whitford

FIREARMS TRAINING UNIT

SERGEANT MARK W. GILSON

The Firearms Training Unit (FTU) is under the command of Sergeant Mark W. Gilson, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division, who is assisted by fourteen (14) part-time Assistant Range Officers. The Firearms Training Unit is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster, and is responsible for conducting all Firearms and TASER training, as well as weapons maintenance, for the RI Department of Public Safety (DPS) - (RI State Police, Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs, Rhode Island Capitol Police, and Rhode Island State Fire Marshals). The FTU also assists other agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Task Force and the RI National Guard.

The FTU completed the following training in 2016:

- TASER in service / qualifications for RI State Police and RI Division of Sheriffs.*
- Spring Firearms in service / qualifications for DPS.*
- Firearms training for 2016 RISP Academy Class*
- TASER training for 2016 RISP Academy Class*
- Fall Firearms in service / qualifications for DPS.*
- Firearms and TASER training for DPS personnel returning from long term sick leave / IOD or maternity leave.*
- Support for FDA Task Force firearms training (quarterly)*
- Firearms training of members of the RI National Guard's 13th Civil Support Team (which supported Law Enforcement at the 2016 Boston Marathon).*

The FTU maintains all DPS firearms and TASERs, performing Armorer-level repairs on Sig Sauer P226 pistols and Colt LE6940 M-4 rifles. Procurement of ammunition, targets, cleaning supplies and maintenance of the range target systems are other responsibilities of the FTU. The FTU is also responsible for the ordering and maintenance of body armor for DPS personnel. In fall of 2016, helmets and plate carriers/plates (rifle protection) were ordered for all RI State Police sworn personnel.

In regards to facilities, funding was obtained and a complete overhaul of the range target system was scheduled. A double-wide trailer was acquired and installed next to the RI State Police Academy range to provide the FTU with an effective space to instruct personnel, maintain weapons, and to provide DPS personnel with an effective space to clean their weapons.

Firearms Training Members

Sergeant Thomas E. Jaques, Corporals: Ronald J. Longolucco, Thomas G. Chabot, Kevin K. Kojoian, Troopers: Nick P. Rivello, Kris Lagor, Shawn P. Slade, William C. Corson, Ryan M. Santo, Sean M. Crowley, Roupén Bastajian, Adam B. Kennett, Erik R. Jensen, Robert J. Twitchell Jr.

COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

SERGEANT JEFFREY P. L'HEUREUX

The Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) is under the command of Sergeant Jeffrey P. L'Heureux, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. The Collision Reconstruction Unit provides technical analysis of all available information to determine how a collision occurred and the probable cause for its occurrence. All available facts and evidence are collected and recorded for use in determining causation factors for the possible prosecution of criminal violations and presentations in civil actions.

Due to the heavy volume of motor vehicle traffic throughout the State of Rhode Island and subsequent number of motor vehicle accidents, the Rhode Island State Police has increasingly been called upon to investigate accidents resulting in serious bodily injury and fatalities. The Division is also often called upon by local law enforcement to assist with traffic collision investigations. Members of the unit are specifically trained to utilize and operate technologically advanced equipment to properly conduct thorough investigations. This includes training and equipment used to extract and analyze information from vehicles equipped with airbag control modules. Members of the Unit have also employed the use of advanced technology that allows for the creation of three (3) dimensional animated re-creations of accidents that have proven invaluable in court proceedings. The results of a CRU investigation are often utilized to ensure the successful prosecution of individuals when they are charged as a result of their involvement in a crash. Based on the increasing demands of the Division and other agencies, the CRU has been and will continue to be a priority for the Division well into the foreseeable future.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is composed of seven (7) Troopers. All seven (7) Troopers have completed two hundred and forty (240) hours of specialized training and are certified Collision Reconstruction Specialists. Certain members are also certified for pedestrian, bicycle, and motorcycle crash investigations, as well as the use of the Leica Total Station, the Vericom 3000 Braking and Dynamometer Computer, the Visual Statement EdgeFx Forensic Diagramming Program, and the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval System.

2016 Notable Achievements

The Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated fifty-seven (57) cases in 2016, seventeen (17) of which involved one fatality, and three (3) cases that involved a double fatality. The Collision Reconstruction Unit also provided assistance for twenty-one (21) crash investigations for fifteen (15) different Municipal Police Departments throughout the State. A total of eighteen (19) of these investigations have resulted in criminal charges being filed, including four (4) counts of Driving Under the Influence – Death Resulting, and three (3) counts of Reckless Driving – Death Resulting.

Collision Reconstruction Unit Members

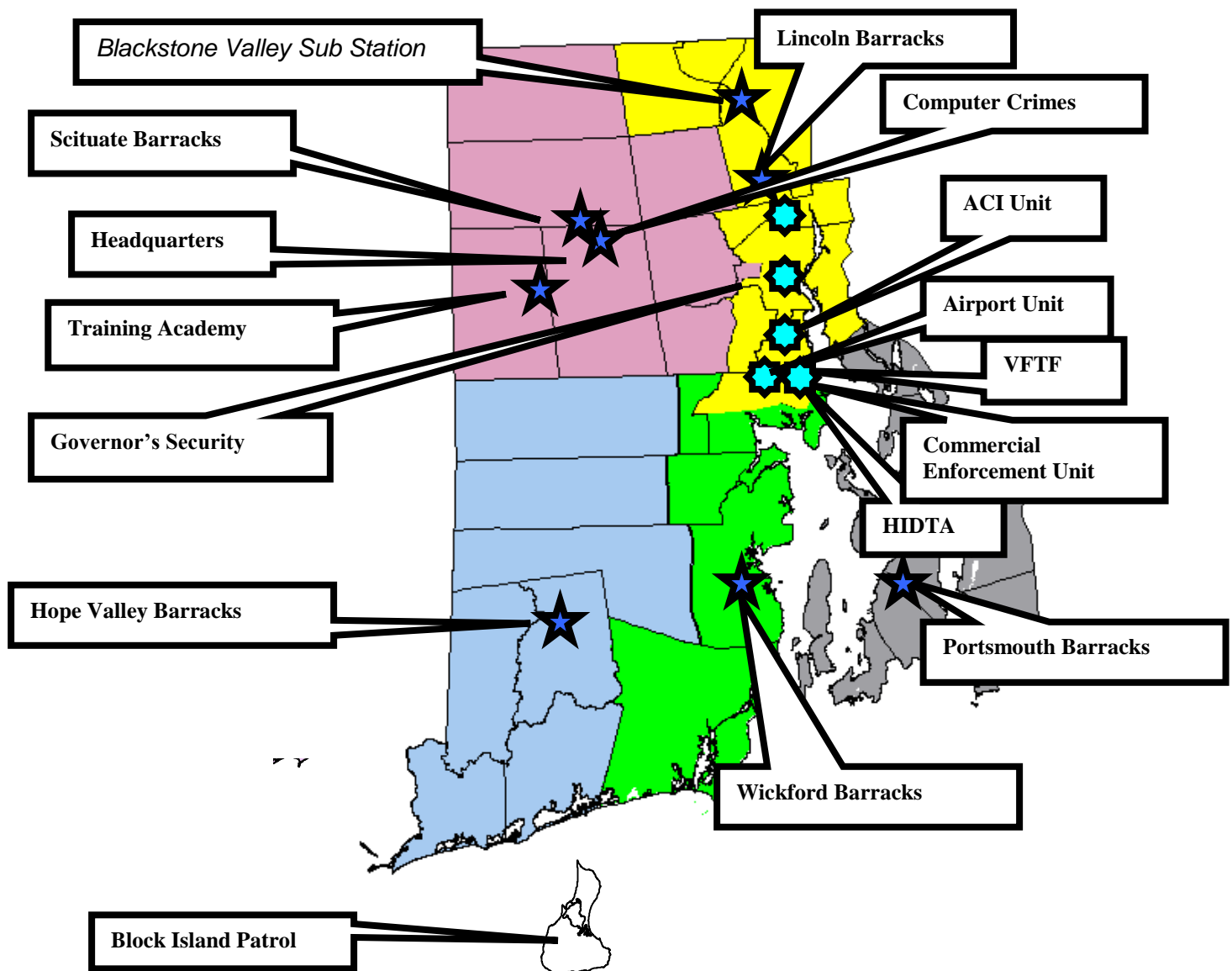
Sergeant: Jeffrey P. L'Heureux, NCOIC

Corporal: Michael Brouillette

Detectives: Adam B. Kennett, Robert J. Hopkins

Troopers: Karlene A. McTaggart, Amy M. Jackman, James J. Hudson

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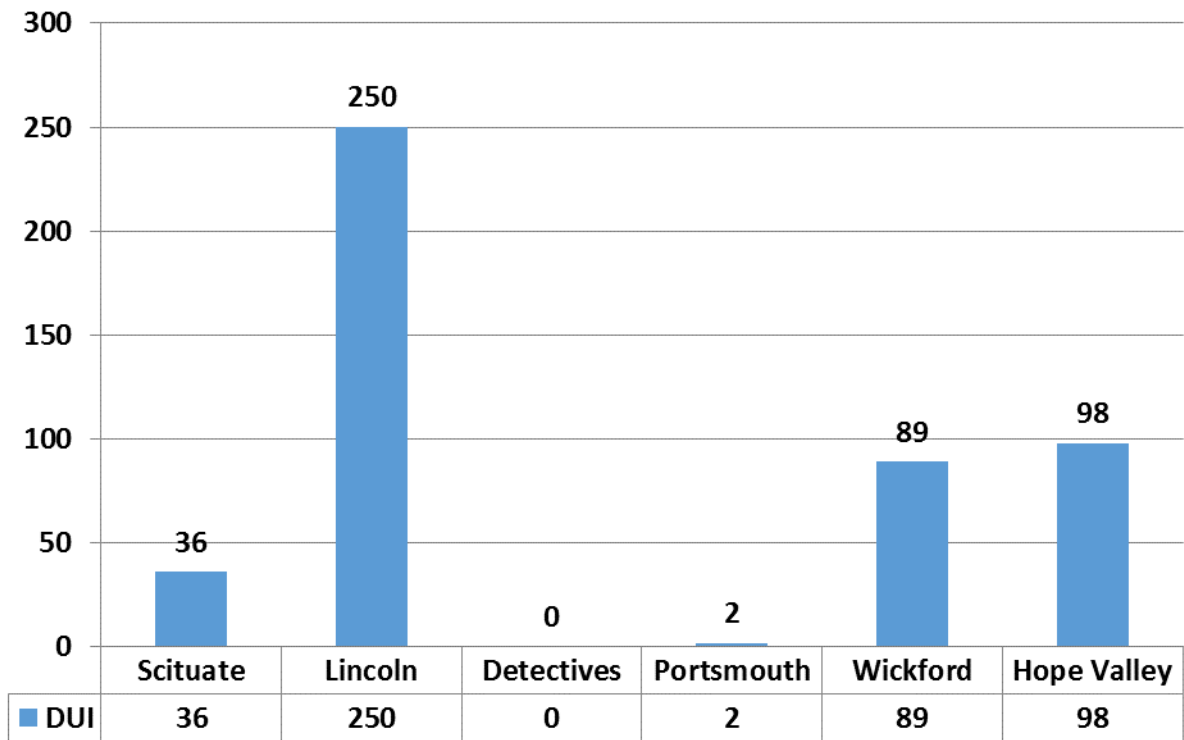
Statistical Data by Barracks Jurisdiction 2016

Barracks	Accidents	Incidents	Arrests	Citations
Scituate	546	505	385	4,994
Lincoln	4,505	1,388	2,538	17,567
Portsmouth	71	87	35	561
Wickford	763	800	708	10,396
Hope Valley	504	1,056	609	8,982
Total	6,389	3,836	4,275	43,610

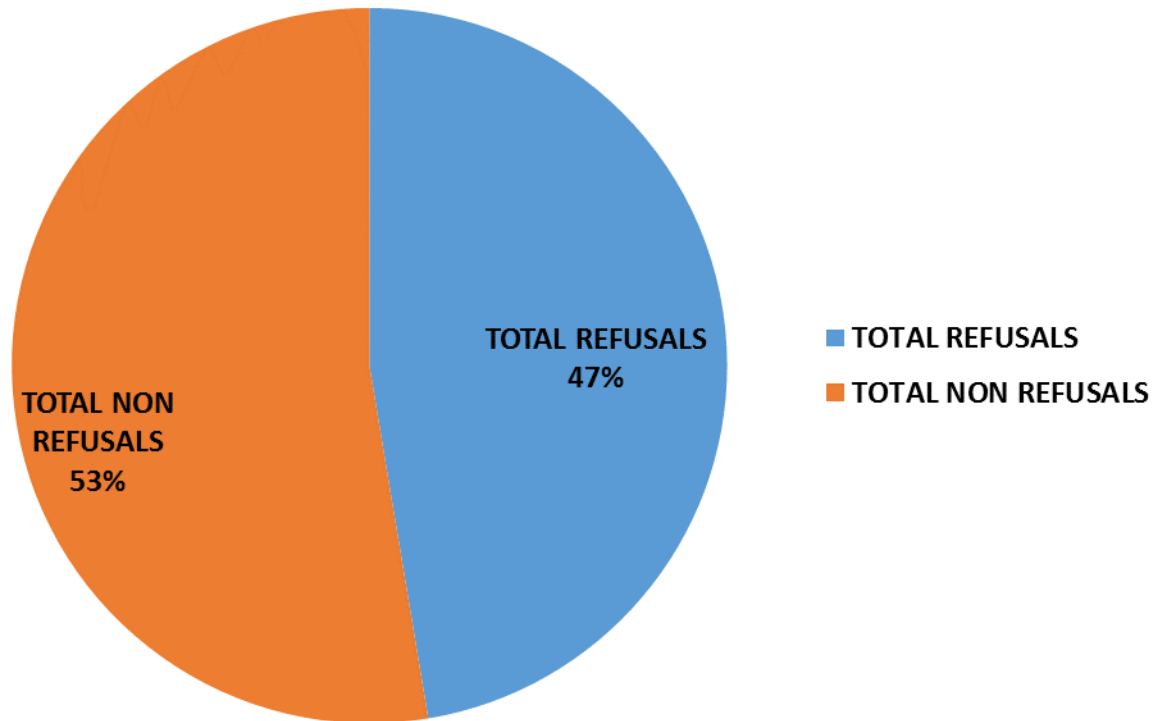
Driving While Intoxicated

Scituate	36
Lincoln Woods	250
Detectives	0
Portsmouth	2
Wickford	89
Hope Valley	98
Total	475

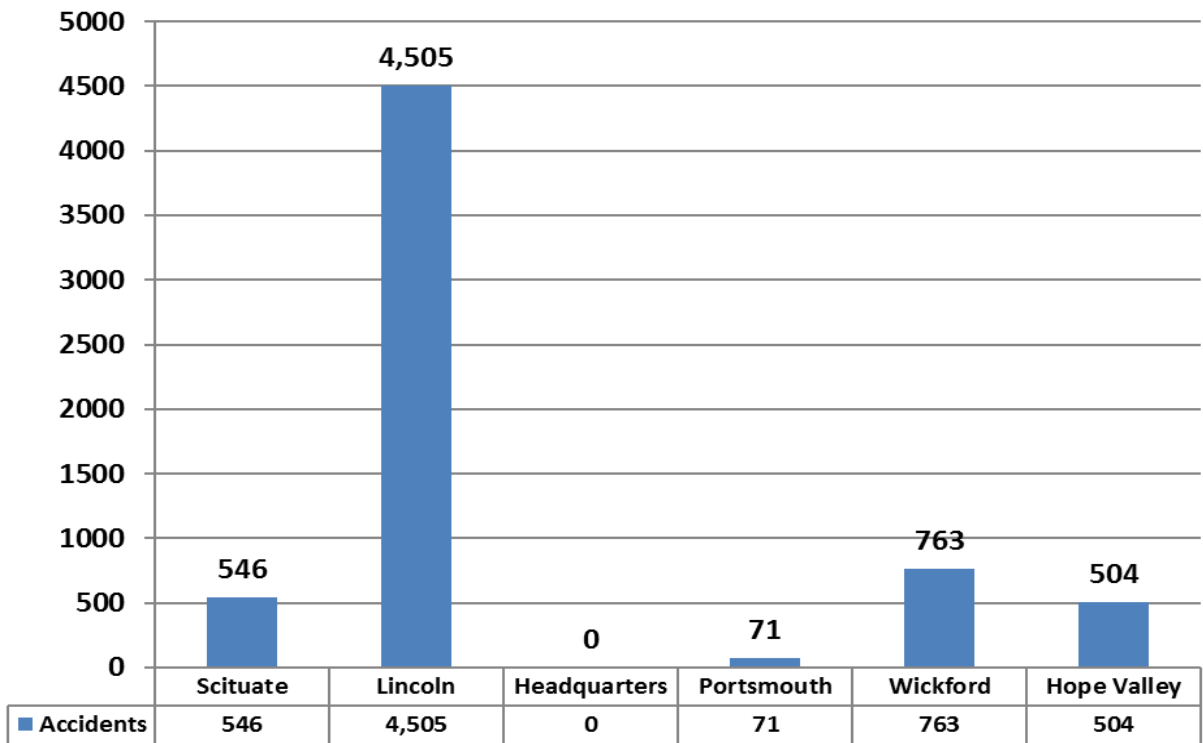
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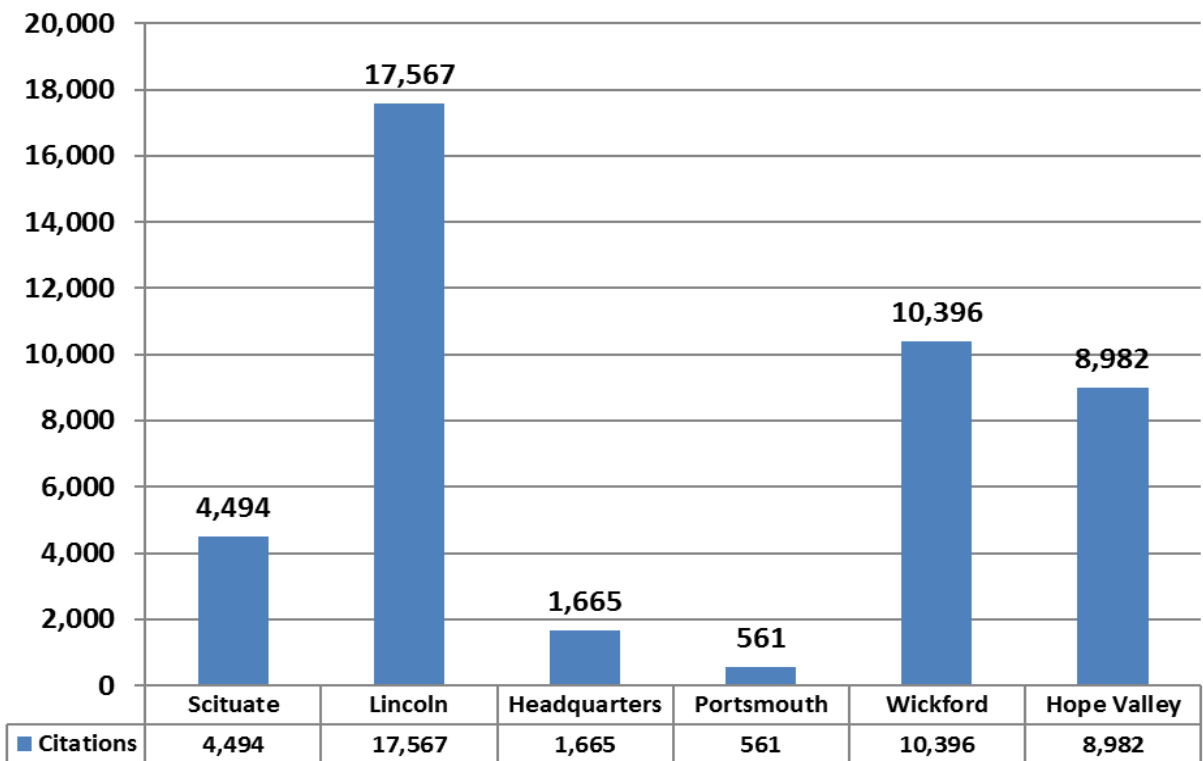
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Total Refusal	225
Total Non-Refusal	250
Total	450



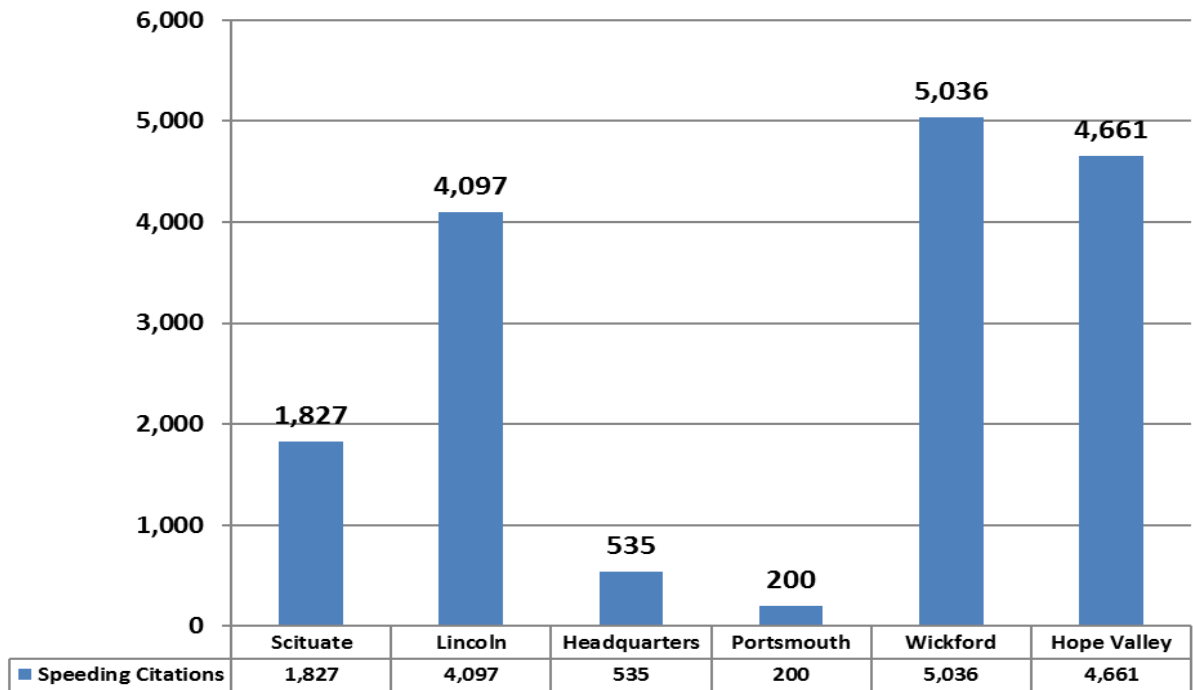
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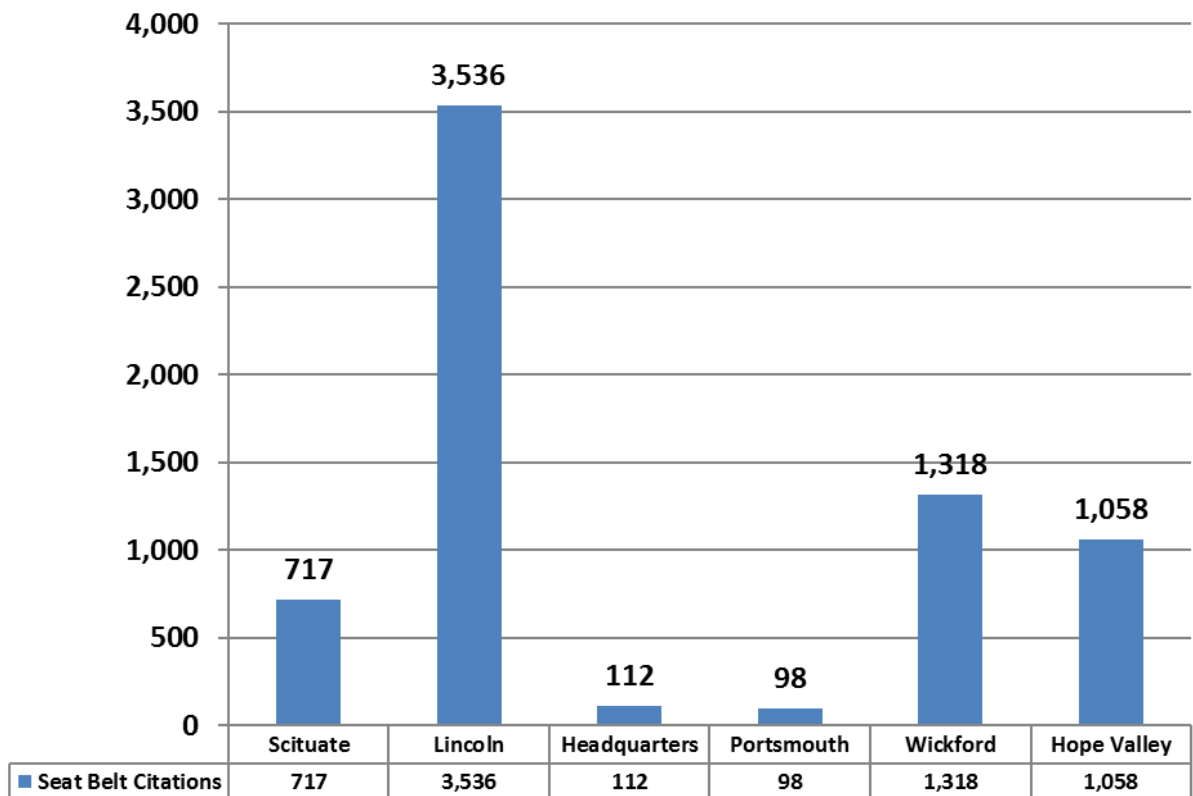
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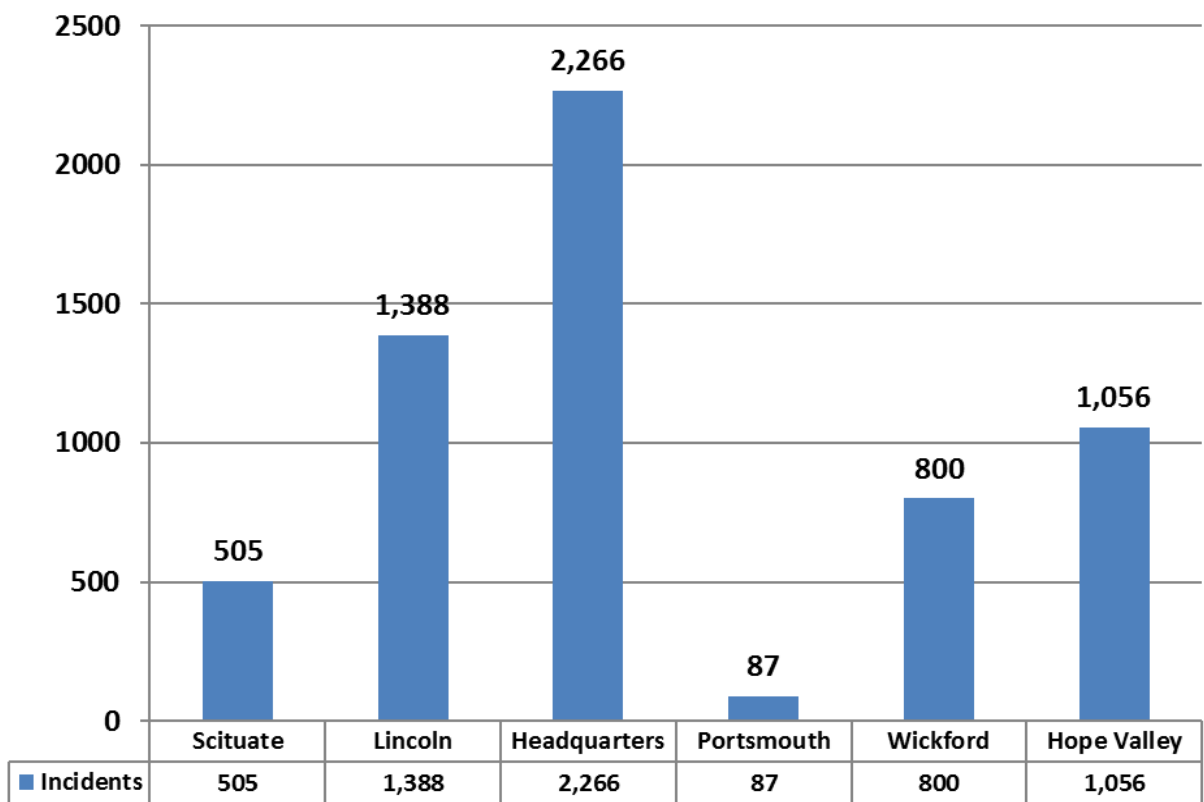
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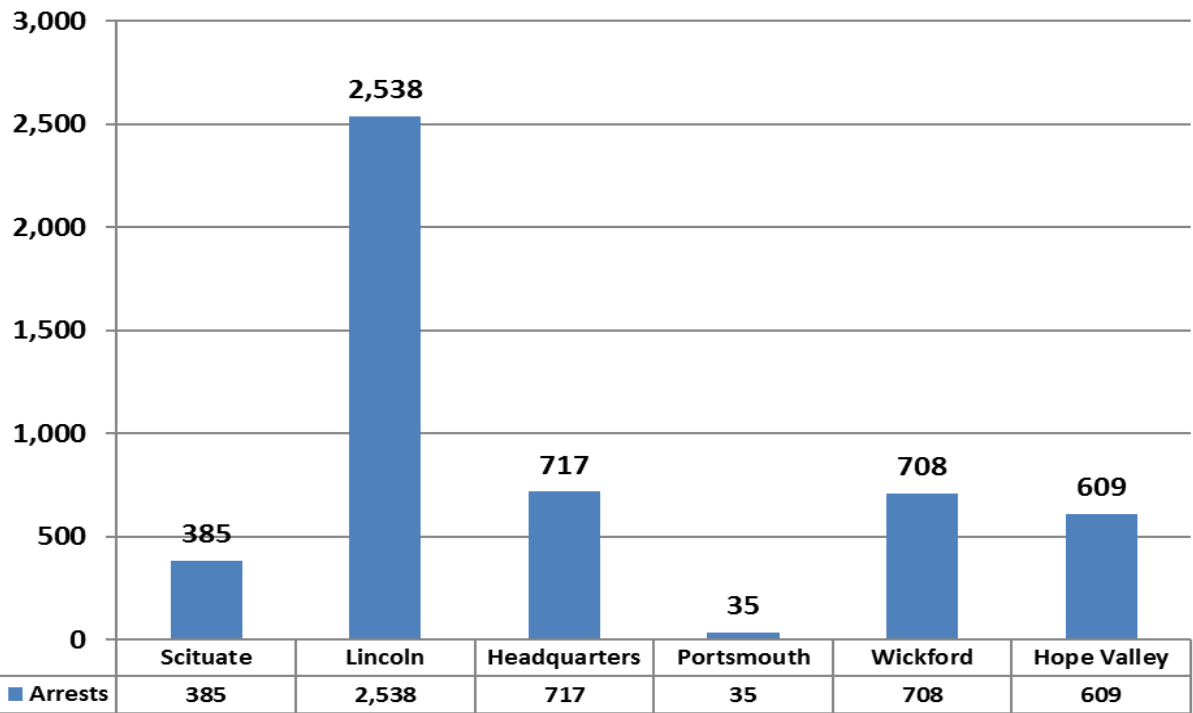
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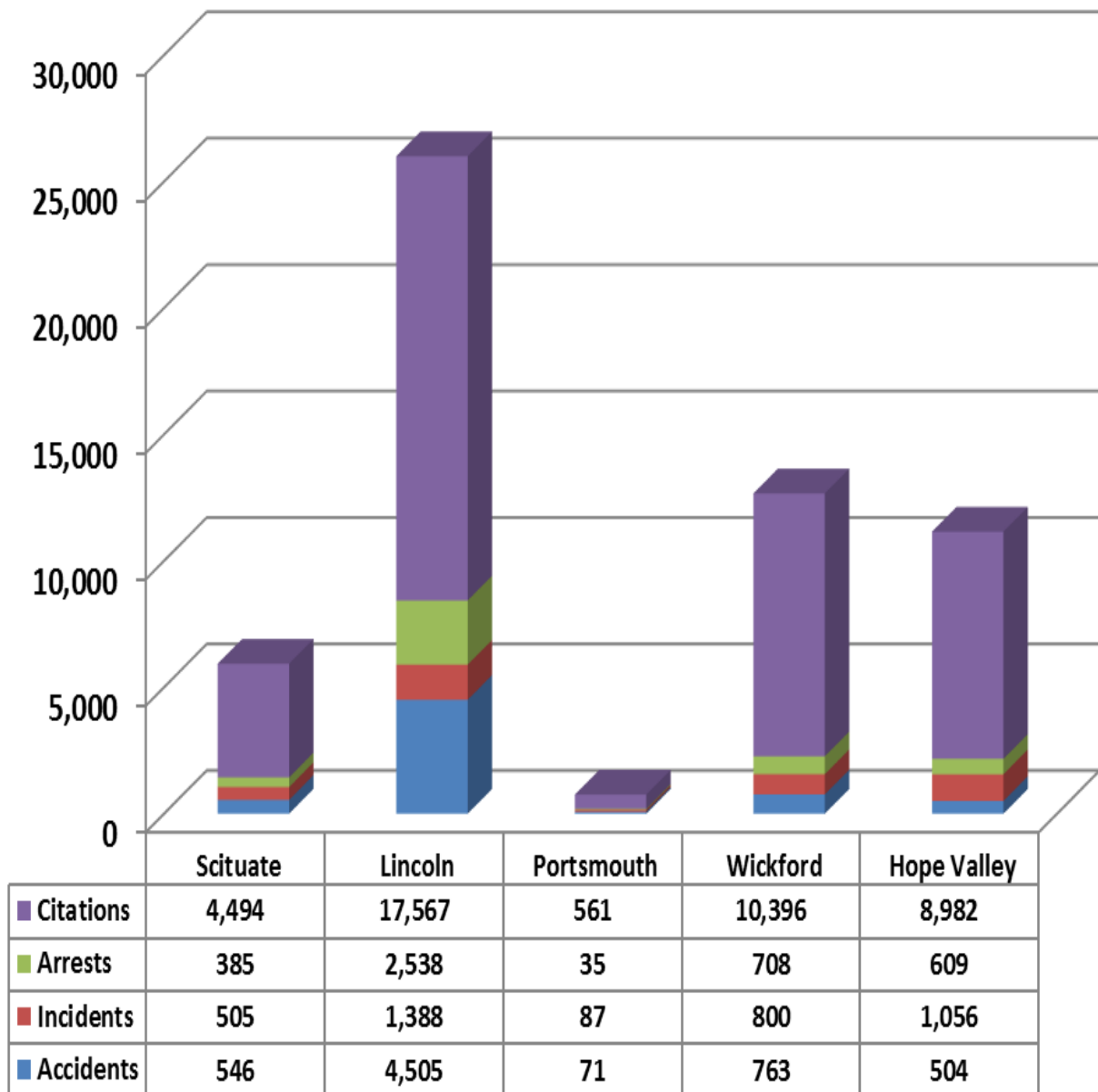
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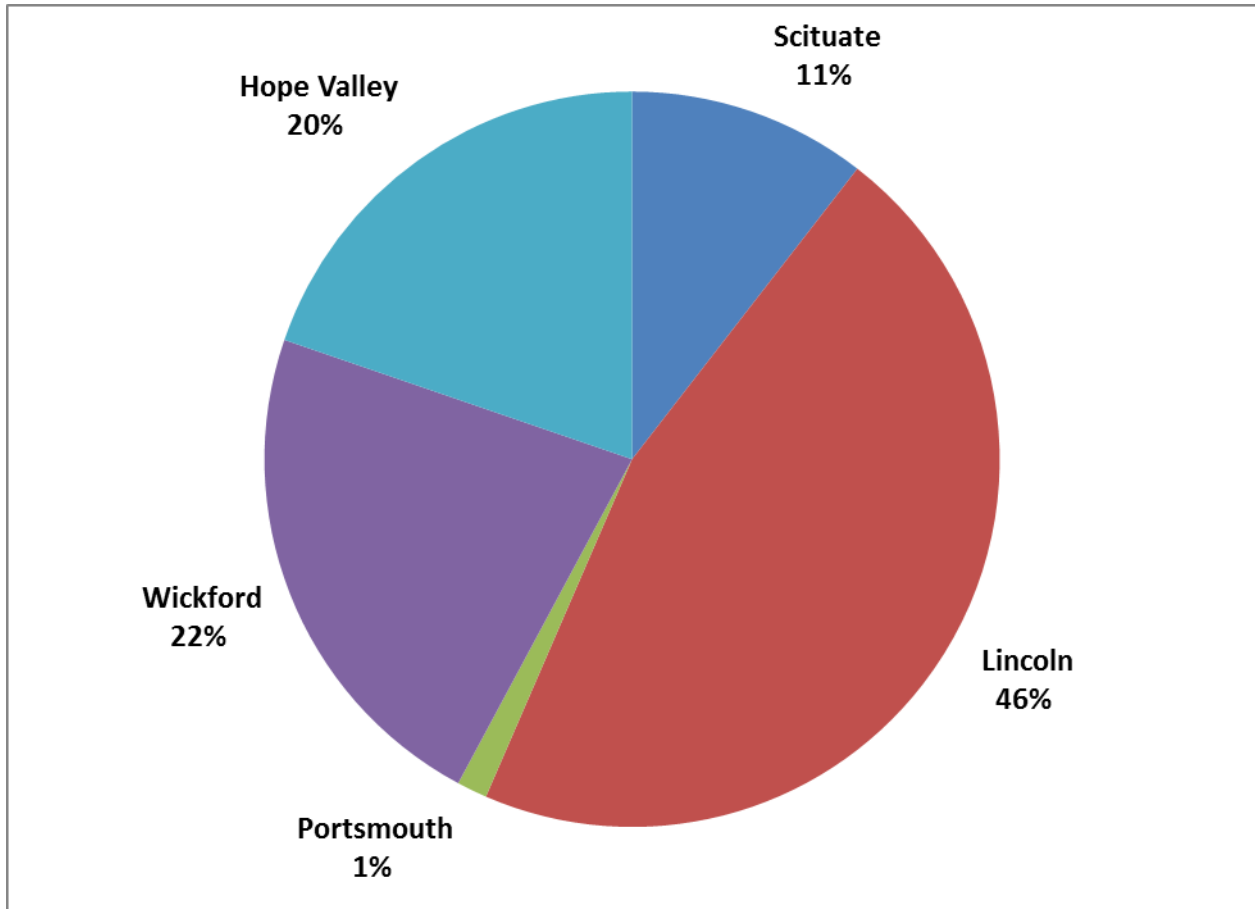
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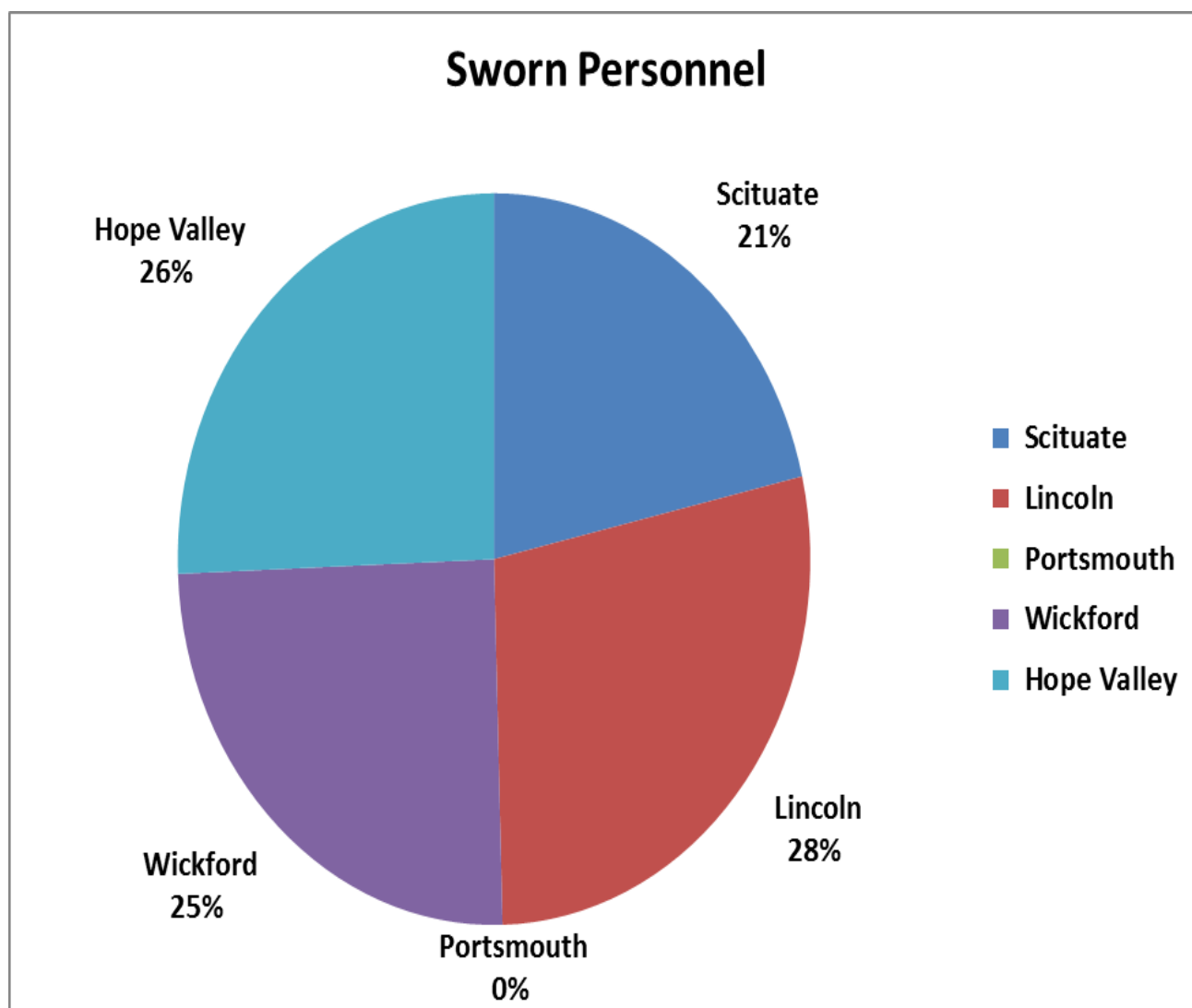
Workload Assessment Chart 2016



Workload



Personnel Allocation 2016 (Sworn Uniform/Assigned to Barracks)



IBR Crime 2016	Detectives	Scituate	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLA	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
FORCIBLE RAPE	24	13	4	0	2	1	44
FORCIBLE SODOMY	7	0	0	0	3	0	10
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
FORCIBLE FONDLING	16	6	10	0	13	2	47
ROBBERY	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	11	0	12	0	1	4	28
SIMPLE ASSAULT	47	29	85	8	48	34	251
INTIMIDATION	27	13	20	0	17	11	88
ARSON	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	7	0	1	0	0	1	9
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	3	1	0	0	10	7	21
POCKET-PICKING	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
SHOPLIFTING	17	1	1	0	1	4	24
THEFT FROM BUILDING	6	1	4	0	14	10	35
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2	5	9	0	9	12	37
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
ALL OTHER LARCENY	56	5	14	0	11	9	95
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	18	6	30	0	5	8	67
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	39	27	59	0	5	20	150
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CO	278	75	85	0	36	27	501
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER	25	28	56	0	12	3	124
IMPERSONATION	11	2	15	0	14	9	51
WIRE FRAUD	11	5	5	0	4	2	27

Crimes are listed by the Rhode Island State Police Barracks where they originated. The actual investigation of the crimes may involve Personnel from more than one Barracks.

IBR Crime 2016	Detectives	Scituate	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
EMBEZZLEMENT	25	4	6	0	0	0	35
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	22	8	20	0	6	3	59
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI	35	5	24	1	20	20	105
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	296	49	164	2	78	153	742
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
STATUTORY RAPE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	142	0	3	0	1	0	146
BETTING / WAGERING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPERATING / PROMOTING / ASSIST	33	0	1	0	0	0	34
GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PROSTITUTION	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTIT	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
PURCHASING PROSTITUTION	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
BRIBERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	31	7	20	0	6	20	84
HUMAN TRAFFICKING, COMMERCIAL SEX	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INVOLUNTARY	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
BAD CHECKS	16	51	5	0	29	17	118
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	2	13	0	6	1	22
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	0	105	295	1	155	141	697
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	2	0	3	0	1	1	7
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	3	4	0	1	0	8
PEEPING TOM	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
RUNAWAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	7	1	5	0	4	2	19
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	444	162	361	6	155	137	1265
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	112	563	1508	8	544	415	3150
INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1795	1178	2846	26	1212	1078	8135

Driving Under the Influence numbers listed in the above chart include all DUI offenses. Each Driver may be charged with more than one DUI offense.

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Barracks (Non-Emergency)

Scituate Barracks	311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate Lt. Derek W. Borek, Patrol Commander	(401) 444-1000
Hope Valley Barracks	54 Nooseneck Hill Road, Richmond Lt. Michael J. Rosa, Patrol Commander	(401) 539-2411
Lincoln Woods Barracks	1575 Old Louisquisett Pike, Lincoln Lt. James M. Pardington, Patrol Commander	(401) 444-1100
Portsmouth Barracks	838 East Main Road, Portsmouth	(401) 849-4444
Wickford Barracks	7875 Post Road, North Kingstown Lt. Erik W. Jones, Patrol Commander	(401) 294-3371

Headquarters 311 Danielson Pike North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857

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Detective Bureau	Maj. Joseph F. Philbin, OIC	(401) 444-1005
Planning, Research & Accreditation	Sgt. Laurie Ludovici, OIC	(401) 444-1016
Training Academy	Lt. Darnell S. Weaver	(401) 444-1191
Uniform Crime Reporting	Mrs. Linda L. Fraccola	(401) 764-5792

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